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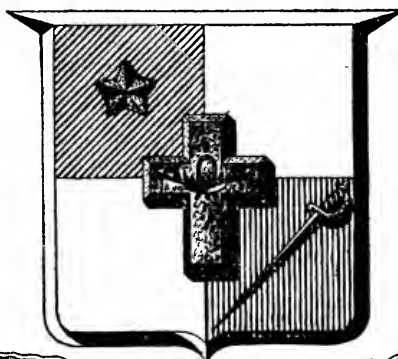


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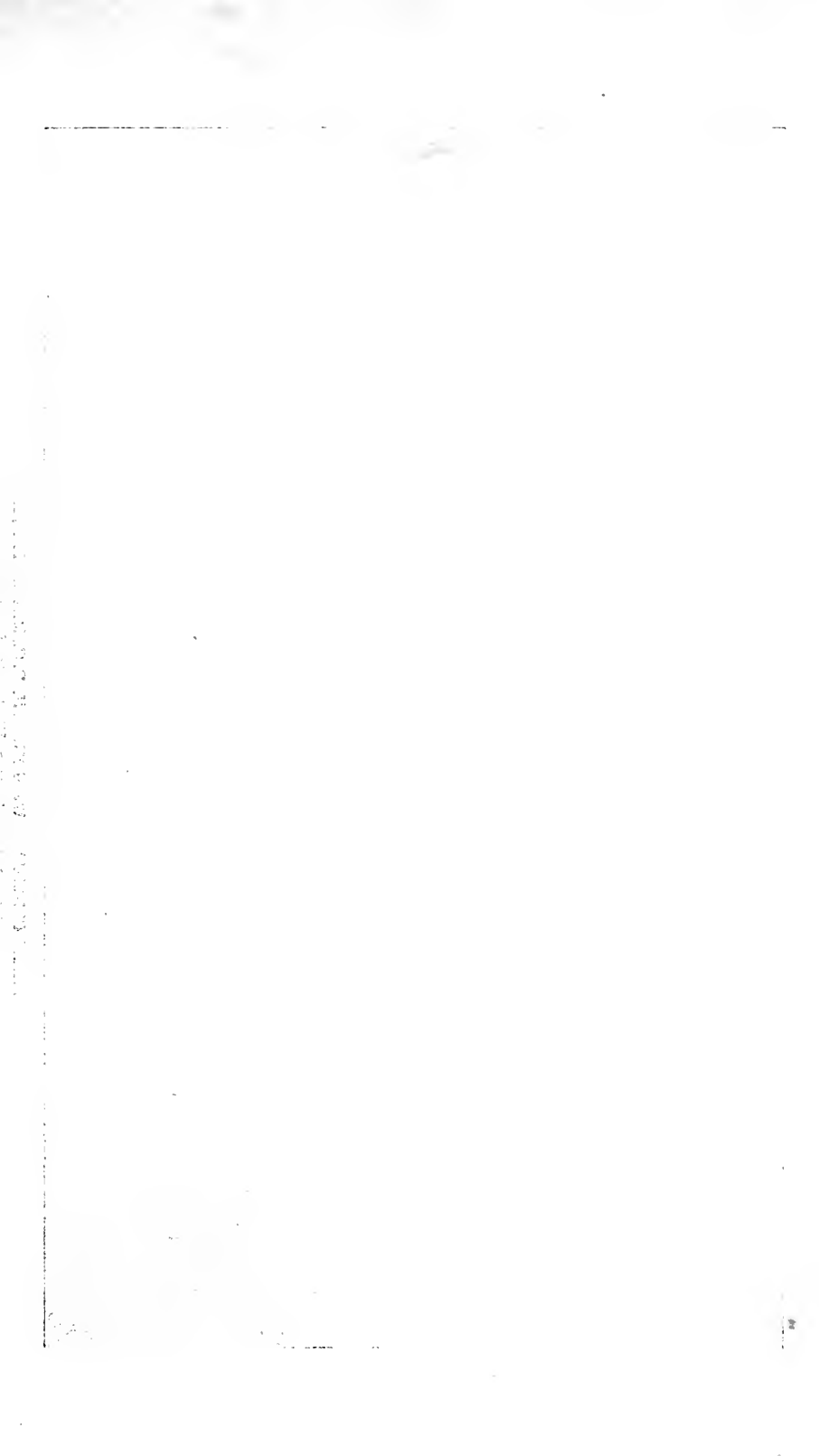
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The Sixth Conclave.

C. A. VER BECK, FORMER GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Overshadowing in every respect all other similar gatherings was the sixth Conclave of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity in Washington, D. C., March 28th, 29th, and 30th.

The sessions of the Grand Chapter were held in The Raleigh Hotel, Twelfth street and Pennsylvania avenue, which had been chosen as headquarters. The delegates to the Grand Chapter were the guests of the members of District of Columbia Alpha Chapter.

Although the volume of business for consideration by the Grand Chapter was no less than that of former Conclaves, the system had been so well planned that much more time was allowed for social features than formerly.

Space in THE JOURNAL will not permit an exhaustive account of the various features of the Grand Chapter meeting. This must be left to the delegates and to the record of the sessions prepared by the Grand Secretary. Nor will space permit adequate tribute to the members of District of Columbia Alpha and to others who aided so materially in making the Conclave a success. This, too, must be left for the delegates.

Many of the delegates arrived Sunday night, and in the lobby of The Raleigh a general re-union was held during the evening hours.

The call to order was made at 10 o'clock Monday morning by Grand President, Bro. N. R. Cooney. A feature of the opening exercises was the prayer by Rev. Benjamin D. Gaw, one of the founders of the fraternity.

Following the report of the Committee on Credentials, the report of the Grand President was given. Not only did this chronicle the remarkable progress which has marked the existence of the fraternity, but it struck the keynote of the fraternity's principles and the cause of its success.

After the presentation of the various amendments, resolutions, and memorials, the appointments of the committees were announced and adjournment was taken. Monday afternoon was spent in committee work.

The delegates and visitors assembled in the green parlor Monday night to witness the initiation of Virton M. Liston, of the baby chapter, Kansas Alpha, Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas. The ritualistic work was carried through by the team from District of Columbia Alpha Chapter, and was pronounced a model by all.

The initiation was followed by a buffet supper and smoker. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests of the Washington boys. William C. Van Vleck, of District of Columbia Alpha, then took charge, and, under his direction, an informal program, combining the ridiculous and the sublime, was given. This included addresses by the Grand Officers and clever "stunts" by many of the visiting delegates.

The morning session of the second day was devoted to business. At this time the reports of the Grand Officers were heard. These showed the fraternity at large to be in splendid condition in every department.

At 3 o'clock the delegates, some of them accompanied by wives and sweethearts, boarded the two large "Sigma Phi Epsilon Specials" for a trip around the national capital. The big sight-seeing automobiles were gaily decorated with the pennants and colors of the fraternity, and as they rolled down the historic Pennsylvania avenue and through the more noted sections of the

city, bearing their load of clean-cut young college men, they attracted no small amount of attention.

During the ride a stop was made at George Washington University, and a group photograph of the delegates was taken at the entrance to the building at Fifteenth and H streets, northwest.

After an observation of the various sights of Washington the party was taken to District of Columbia Alpha's chapter house at No. 1515 O street, northwest. There a luncheon was served and an informal program was given. The remainder of the evening was spent in committee work.

The business session of Wednesday began at 9 o'clock, and the delegates were in continuous session until 6 o'clock in the afternoon. At this time the reports of the various committees were heard and adopted. The last business of the sixth Conclave was the election and installation of the following officers: Grand President, N. R. Cooney, Ohio Alpha; Grand Vice-President, F. S. Robbins, Indiana Alpha; Grand Secretary, W. L. Phillips, Virginia Alpha; Grand Treasurer, J. C. Griffin, New York Alpha; Grand Historian, Charles L. Yancey, District of Columbia Alpha; Grand Guard, W. F. Wingett, Delaware Alpha.

The banquet in the ball-room of The Raleigh brought to a fitting close one of the most remarkable Conclaves in the history of the fraternity. The tables, arranged to accommodate seven persons at each, were made beautiful with flowers. The courses were well chosen and well prepared, and the service was excellent.

Soon after the guests were seated, they were called to order by G. Curtis Peck, of District of Columbia Alpha, who acted as toast-master. He explained that Grand Historian Robbins was compelled to make a hasty departure to catch a train, and that the Grand Historian wished to say a few words.

Simply, briefly, but forcefully, the Grand Historian referred to the growth of the fraternity. This he attributed, in great part, to the efforts of Grand President Cooney. In behalf of the national fraternity, he then presented Brother Cooney with a

handsome gold watch. Upon one side of the case was engraved Brother Cooney's initials, and on the reverse side an exquisite engraving of the official seal of the fraternity.

Deeply touched by the incident, it was several minutes before Brother Cooney could find voice in which to express his appreciation. Then, with characteristic modesty, he attempted to share his laurels with his co-laborers in the fraternity work, and told of his gratitude, not only for the gift itself, but for the sentiment which prompted it.

Before the banquet was well under way Toast-master Peck called upon I. D. S. Knight, of Virginia Alpha, as chairman of a special committee on resolutions. This committee had been appointed to prepare suitable resolutions upon the retirement from the office of Grand Vice-President of Bro. C. A. Ver Beck, and these resolutions were read and adopted.

Brother Ver Beck responded earnestly, but briefly. After voicing his appreciation for the tribute which had been paid him, he asked for his successor and for all the Grand Officers the same hearty support which had been extended him during his tenure of office.

The toasts were then in order.

"A Decade" was the subject of the toast proposed by Brother Cooney. Briefly he sketched the development of Sigma Phi Epsilon during the first ten years of its existence. He explained the basic principles upon which its success has been founded, and then took a hasty glimpse into the future. There he saw Sigma Phi Epsilon high in the ranks of the Greek world, and her men ranking well among the men of earth.

In speaking of "THE JOURNAL from Year to Year," Brother Ver Beck gave a short history of the publication. He gave to Brother Phillips entire credit for its success. In conclusion, he announced his own withdrawal from connection with the editorial staff of THE JOURNAL, but asked the continued support of the fraternity for the magazine.

Brother Griffin told of "Chapter Homes." He emphasized the value to the chapter of a well-regulated home, but insisted

upon business-like methods in any movement toward securing such a home. His address was filled with interesting points concerning a subject of much import to Greek men.

The toast of Brother Robbins, "A Peep at the Archives," was not given, because of his absence.

From F. M. Qua, of New Hampshire Alpha, came "A Blast from the North." In happy vein, Brother Qua referred to the geographical location of his chapter, as compared with the location of certain other northern points.

The experiences of "The Goat" were given by V. M. Liston, of Kansas Alpha. He declared his experience not altogether unpleasant, although filled with surprises. His report of the *personnel* and history of the new chapter at Baker University brought forth rounds of applause.

In characteristic rapid-fire style, E. P. Gates, of District of Columbia Alpha, responded to a toast on "Glittering Generalities." They were. None could hear his speech without being greatly enthused for the cause of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

As fitting conclusion to the banquet, as well as to the Conclave, came "The Benediction" by Grand Secretary William L. Phillips, Virginia Alpha, one of the founders of the fraternity. Brother Phillips' work has spoken far more loudly than his tongue, and the few remarks he made on this occasion struck a popular chord in the hearts of his hearers.

Then the banquet broke up. Last messages of greeting were exchanged, farewells were said, and soon there was a scurry for time-tables.

Such is the record of the sixth Conclave.

The one regret which lingers in the minds of the delegates is due to the fact that not every member of Sigma Phi Epsilon could have been present, could have enjoyed the hospitality of District of Columbia Alpha Chapter, and could have received the inspiration which only such an occasion can give.

The Conclave from a Local Viewpoint.

BY FRANK O. EVERETT, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

The sixth Conclave is now history, but of the kind known as epoch-making in the annals of $\Sigma \Phi E$. Work was done—good, hard, conscientious work—but the best of the results obtained was not in the constructive legislation passed. A more far-reaching benefit was in the association together of the men assembled from such widely-separated parts of the country, the good fellowship flowing everywhere—running and brimming over—and the staunch support of the fraternity and its ideals which were engendered.

We of District of Columbia Alpha are new to $\Sigma \Phi E$. We had been learning, but feel that this was our final lesson. We have served our novitiate. We now understand, we think, to completeness, the greatness and grandeur of all that those three Greek letters stand for. The sixth Conclave has left a mark in the heart of every loyal brother of District of Columbia Alpha that can never be eradicated.

We are young. We had been told the ideas, the principles, for which we were supposed to stand. We had tried to grasp the abstract proposition, to reach up and comprehend the truths presented. True, we were fortunate in the association which we had with some of the Grand Chapter officers, but we needed a concrete example. We knew that, scattered over the country, in widely-separated spots, there were other bands of college men—they were our brothers, we were told, who were all working with us, all striving to the same end. But somehow the fact did not come home to us. To all intents, we were, to ourselves, the fraternity. What we needed was an object lesson, and now it has been ours.

Right here and now we want to compliment our sister chapters on the calibre and character of the men they sent to represent them. But, in doing so, we are halted by the irre-

sistible conclusion that you couldn't help sending that kind—you haven't any others. All through the Conclave you could hear, "Say, old man, are there any more at home like you?" And we concluded that all are alike in one respect. We are a bunch of fine fellows—not twenty-six bunches, or twenty-seven, as it is now, but one great organization. When a hundred men from points widely scattered over the geographical limits of the country, from different sections, from different colleges, can meet together; when all sectionalism, when all differences of creed or cult, can be forgotten, and each be proud on sight to call each other friend and brother, no further word need be spoken as to the quality of the material that goes to make up $\Sigma \Phi E$, or of the spirit of brotherhood and friendship which prevails, and the future of our fraternity needs no prediction.

The Conclave was a success. "It was not our fault." It is true that we did our best, and tried with all of our might, but without the hearty co-operation of our visiting brothers our efforts at entertainment would, we fear, have been sad failures. You men entered into everything with such a refreshing interest, things could not help going with a hum. In the midst of your important history-making work you delegates could still find occasion to visit with us as we hung around on the outskirts; you could take time to join with us in our little entertainments, and their success is due to you. You joined in with everything in such a hearty, whole-souled manner, and showed so plainly your enjoyment and appreciation, that things could not but succeed.

We think a special word is due the men of Kansas Alpha and the representative which they sent. You other men at home have been told ere this of the kind of men they have out there, and, if your delegate has done his duty in describing the Conclave, you will join with us in the welcome for our new brothers. They are $\Sigma \Phi E$ style without a doubt.

It is sad here since you men have gone. We miss you. When we pass the old Raleigh Hotel the lobby seems deserted. Not that it is actually vacant, but those who are there are not our people. We feel a deep regret. It seems almost as if some

one dearly loved had died and we were passing the place of last abode. We may live long, but such an enjoyable time will not be ours again, unless we have the opportunity to attend another Conclave.

The Installation of Kansas Alpha.

The Installation Committee from the National Conclave reached Baldwin, Kansas, Saturday, April 2d, and at once proceeded to make the local Phi Sigma Phi fraternity of Baker University, a chapter of $\Sigma \Phi E$. The committee consisted of Brothers W. L. Phillips, Grand Secretary; J. P. Flynn, of Colorado Alpha; L. R. Plemmons, of Arkansas Alpha, and V. M. Liston, of Kansas Alpha, who was initiated at the Conclave.

The installation began at 11 A. M., and, after over twelve hours of continuous work, twenty-three active men and thirteen alumni were introduced into the mysteries of $\Sigma \Phi E$. As soon as the last initiate had been made a member Bro. W. L. Phillips presented the charter, which was received by Bro. F. H. Allis. Phi Sigma Phi had ceased to exist, and in its stead Kansas Alpha of $\Sigma \Phi E$ had been ushered in. The chapter then adjourned to serenade the two sororities and partake of the banquet prepared at the Bank Hotel. That the menu was enjoyed after such a strenuous day is needless to assert. Following the banquet, with Bro. Fred. A. Price as toast-master, the following toasts were responded to :

"Sigma Phi Epsilon" William L. Phillips, Washington, D. C.
 "Response" Lionel A. Anderson, Kansas Alpha.
 "Toast to Kansas Alpha" John P. Flynn, Colorado Alpha.
 "Greetings from Arkansas Alpha,"

LeRoy R. Plemmons, Arkansas Alpha.
 "Future of Kansas Alpha" Arthur H. Fast, Kansas Alpha.

At the close of these well-rendered toasts fraternity enthusiasm ran high. As no one was ready to adjourn, it was sug-

gested that each of the alumni speak. In enthusiastic speeches each expressed his joy at being present, and told in fitting words his appreciation of the honor of becoming a $\Sigma \Phi E$. After songs and yells the banqueters adjourned.

A noticeable feature at the installation and the banquet was the unbounded enthusiasm of the alumni. Many came from great distances to be initiated, and their remarks at the banquet showed that the beautiful and impressive ritual of $\Sigma \Phi E$ had sown its seed again in fertile ground.

Bro. Hervey F. Smith, who came from Minnesota to attend the installation, read the following, which he picked up on the way :

As I rumbled o'er the prairie,
On my way again to Baker
To attend this installation,
Sat me back in idle musing ;
Drowsily my eyelids fluttered,
Clickety-click sang the wheels
As they rattled o'er the rail joints,
And they seemed to speak a message,
Saying to me, tell your brothers,
Tell them—
Men of Baker, men of Sigma,
May this day be the beginning
Of a future true and honored.

For five years
Have you waited for this day.
Slow but steady have you risen
In your struggle. Sigma Phi Epsilon
Is the emblem you have chosen
For the future.
Take it, bear it, keep it sacred ;
May you each uplift the other.

Then I woke,
For the porter shouted "Baldwin."
And I thanked those throbbing rails
For their words to me imparted.

Then I lifted up my heart
To the One who watches o'er us :
"Guide us, keep us ever worthy
Of the pledge of Sigma Phi Epsilon ;
Brothers may we truly be."

HERVEY F. SMITH,
Kansas Alpha.

After a much-needed rest, the chapter prepared for the entertainment of its friends, and on Monday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, Kansas Alpha received at the chapter house at No. 602 Ninth street. The home was tastefully decorated with fraternity colors and designs. The $\Sigma \Phi E$ "heart" was suspended from the ceiling, with many streamers of fraternity colors, which served as a screen for the orchestra. At 3 o'clock the guests began to arrive, and were greeted by the Reception Committee, which consisted of the Installing Committee, together with the entire membership of Kansas Alpha. Following congratulations and a general good time, refreshments were served, during which a short program, consisting of readings by Brother Fast and vocal selections by Brother Lawless, was rendered. The fraternity flowers, American beauties and violets, were given as favors to the guests.

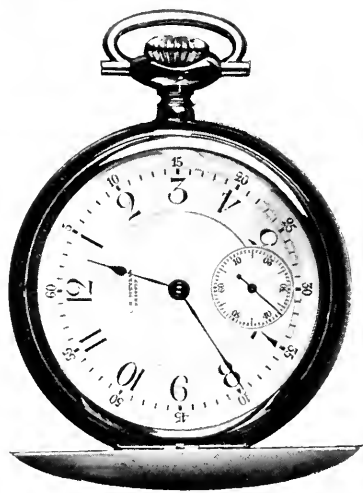
During the hour from 5 to 6 o'clock the fraternity entertained parents and faculty.

The chapter records show it to be established on a firm financial basis. They own their furniture, and have inaugurated a system by which a permanent building fund will be accumulated. They hold a lease on their present house for five years, at the end of which time they expect to be able to purchase one of their own.

One of the strongest features of the chapter is their Alumni Association with a definite organization. Their enthusiasm for the "bunch" was evidenced last spring at their annual "stag" banquet, at which over \$200 was subscribed to apply on new furniture for the library and parlor of the chapter house.



N. R. COONEY, Grand President.



Among their alumni they have some of the ablest graduates of Baker in recent years.

For the future of the members of Kansas Alpha, as individuals and as a chapter, we predict great things, for they, like our mother chapter, have been "through the fire," and have the ideals of $\Sigma \Phi E$ indelibly emblazoned on their hearts.

Our Grand President.

At our sixth Conclave an effort was made to show our appreciation of the work of our Grand President and the love and esteem in which we hold him. First, our feelings were expressed by unanimously re-electing him, and, at our banquet, by presenting him with a handsome gold watch.

Our newly-elected Grand Vice-President, Bro. F. S. Robbins, made the presentation speech, calling attention to the fact that at both of the last two Conclaves our worthy leader had kept us in continuous session for twelve hours or more, seeming to disregard the fact that time existed, and hoped that at the next Conclave he would consult his watch and give us more consideration.

Brother Cooney was so thoroughly surprised and taken aback that he was unable to go beyond a few words of acknowledgment, but later expressed his appreciation.

We called upon him recently, and found the watch still unworn, but discovered that every voter in his town had called to see the *mayor's* new time-piece.

For the benefit of those who were so unfortunate as to miss the Conclave, we are printing the address of Brother Cooney at the opening of the Conclave and his speech when re-elected to the office of Grand President.

Address at Opening of Sixth Conclave by Grand President N. R. Cooney.

It is with a degree of satisfaction that we meet and greet you in this another Conclave of our beloved fraternity. Since last we met much that is and will be looked upon as history by those who are to come after us has transpired in relation to and in connection with our organization.

However, for me, in this connection, to dwell upon the fact of our having had an addition of several new chapters in the last two years, or to spend time in going over any other questions of like importance in relation to the organization, would carry the idea of a presumption on my part that you, as members of it, had not done your duty in respect to keeping in touch with the vital affairs of the fraternity, and I feel morally certain that a true bill could not be found against any one of you upon such a charge.

I am glad each chapter has made an effort to send a man here, because it is of vast importance to the fraternity at large to have as many delegates present, at a meeting such as this one, as is possible.

Here we come in closer touch one with another than is possible in any other manner. For us, as brothers from widely-separated parts of the country, to clasp hands and become acquainted with each other certainly can have only a wholesome effect and a very great tendency to make each one of us feel that our brotherhood is more sacred than it was presumed to be.

That you are here bespeaks, first, that the chapter which you came to represent is not only awake to its duty, but is as well cognizant of its rights under its charter, and, secondly, that in you the fraternity at large is assured of its Grand Chapter being composed of such men as have the interests of the fraternity at heart. It is here that questions come up and are discussed that are of the greatest importance to the fraternity. This being the case, and in order, then, that we may not betray the trust

imputed to us, let us here and now resolve that while we are in Conclave assembled we will give to every question that may come before us for disposition our best thought and such consideration as will insure for our organization the obtaining of results the equal of which have not before been attained.

To accomplish this there are two things we must recognize as being necessary, among which might be named our continued presence at each meeting of the session; our consideration of the various questions that may come before us in the light of the fact that it is the welfare of the fraternity at large that we are met to consider and advance, and, lastly, though far from all that might be named, let us remember that it is possible that what we say and do here may wield an incalculable influence upon those who will follow us in the decades that are to come.

And so, if it is at all possible for us to cast some influence, however much, and more especially when we are met as here assembled, might we not well stop to inquire what the needs are, and the purposes of such meetings as these?

Is there any real reason why we should give our time and money that we might be here? In my opinion it is but natural to suppose, and the proposition should be granted, that there is some need for our coming together, if for no other reason than for social purposes and to become acquainted, as it were, with ourselves, for are we not one grand family, bound together by one common chord of sympathetic interest? But there are various needs for this meeting, one of which, in my humble opinion, may be said to be to perfect the internal working plans by which and through which every one may be enabled to understand and carry on properly the work with which he is charged. The magnitude of the organization demands this. That we do not have it now, in a measure, I do not undertake to say; but I do say that we must spare no pains nor lose any opportunity to make every possible advance toward the betterment and strengthening of the organization. I say, further, that while we are only a half-score of years old it is a better time than when we are older to improve, if possible, any weak places that may exist in the organization.

That it would be possible for us to make all needed corrections at this session I do not presume to say, but the point I would impress is, that it were better that we come into a realization of our weaknesses while we are yet young, and seek to improve them, than be content to remain at ease and trust to time and trials to tell us when we approach the danger line.

The question might arise in the minds of some, Why have not these details long since been worked out and adjusted? I should have to answer that question, if it were put to me, by a statement that the history of this organization is, in many respects, not dissimilar to that of any other organization that has stood the test of time, and an investigation of such an one will invariably show that the points of perfection that it possesses were not attained in a day and, in many instances, not in years, but rather throughout a period of gradual growth, and were developed by the demands concurrent with the attainment of the purposes of the organization.

If this be true, may we not feel gratified to know that we have come to understand our own position, and that we have discovered the prerequisites to the perpetuation of the principles for which we stand? And when we think of the things for which we stand, and reflect upon the hardships that were endured by those who sought to found a fraternity the objects of which, while perhaps not peculiar to it alone, were yet of such a nature as to warrant establishment and a claim for recognition, should we not feel proud to know that we have been permitted to participate in the further shaping of its policies, to the end that a consistent defence might be made in its behalf in any quarter or against even the most bitter opponents of the fraternal institution.

Individuality has been the watch-word with Sigma Phi Epsilon, and I believe that it is due to its individuality that we have made what is said by some to be a phenomenal growth. But to whatever cause our expansion is due, we shall let credit fall where it will, and keep in mind the fact that as a fraternity, as an institution, we are ever being weighed in the balance of public

consideration and opinion, and that we must not only maintain the standards of the past, but that we must move on and up, for will you not all agree that the requirements of the times call for an advance and elevation, as it were, in fraternity motives and ideals? And those motives and ideals must have the ring of reality, and their advocates must be possessed with a passion for purity, if they would have the organization to which they belong lifted from a position which begets contempt to a plane that commands consideration and respect, not because of what it is, but for what it does for those who are within its portals, and, through them, for those with whom they are associated.

Let us, then, not be guided by a code of rules, but rather by a catalogue of principles, interpreted not by precedent so long since established that it has become obsolete, but according to the demands of a justification for existence.

Remarks of the Grand President Upon Re-Election.

[Remarks made by Grand President N. R. Cooney upon resuming the Presidency of the fraternity for another term, this being the fourth time he has been elected to that position.]

Brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon, I have not words at my command at this time that would be appropriate to use upon an occasion such as this one; nor do I think it would be expedient, if I had the words, to hold you here for a sufficient length of time to utter them; but I wish to thank you most sincerely for the honor of having been again placed in the office of Grand President of this fraternity. It was in 1906 that I first came to the Grand Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and since that time I have seen some advances, some changes made. I may have been responsible for some of them; I may have been, in a measure, responsible for the retarding of what some would consider the growth of the fraternity; but I assure you, one and all, that if I have in any measure, or in any manner of means, been responsible for retarding the growth of Sigma Phi Epsilon, it has been from an honest motive. It has been my desire from the time I

first came to know the Grand Chapter, and those who compose it, to advance the fraternity until it would come to occupy a position that would be envied by any organization, of whatever nature, be it Greek letter or other. How well and how far we have advanced remains not for me to say, but for future generations, for those who may come after us, to judge.

There was a time when I considered that the filling of the office of Grand President was perhaps more of an honor and not so much a position of responsibility as I do now. Since I have been connected with the fraternity in this capacity for so long I have come to look upon the office of Grand President in an entirely different manner, and to view it from a different aspect.

And now, if you please, gentlemen, I see greater responsibilities resting upon me than have ever rested upon my shoulders in times gone by. We have attained that degree of national prominence where it is necessary that we be more careful, more prudent, as to the steps we take, because we have reached that point where we dare not think of sacrificing our existence. There was a time when we could have died a natural death and not much would have been said about us; those who record the history of Greek-letter fraternities might have given us a little notice. But we have reached that stage in our existence and that stage of development where we cannot think of surrendering our existence. We must do those things which insure for us a greater development, in order that we may discharge the functions and the duties we have assumed.

There was a time when I did consider the idea of surrendering, or, rather, of refusing to be again elected to this position. As most of us do some time throughout our life, I came to change my mind, partially as the result of the pressure that was brought to bear upon me, and partially by the fact that I thought I saw the necessity of some one occupying this position who was quite familiar with the plans by which we had hoped ere long to have the internal affairs of the fraternity governed, and until we were just a little bit better assured of our foothold in the fraternity world. Whether or not I am able to assist you in obtaining that

position I will not undertake to say. I take for granted, however, that by your action you do consider that I am able to do something along those lines, and because of that consideration I desire to thank you from the innermost recesses of my heart; and I want to assure you that I will do everything within my power that can honorably be done during the next two years to advance the fraternity, and I trust that by that time we will have assumed such a position that there will be no question but that all we will have to do will be simply to meet and transact what might be said to be only the regular routine business, and after that is done then to enjoy some of the pleasures that are afforded us as a result of these meetings, and return to our several homes. When we have reached the point where we will not be held twelve hours in continuous session, it will be a hitherto unknown pleasure to meet at these Conclaves. I say pleasure, because to have been in this, as well as former Conclaves, certainly has been a task in that it meant hard work in the discharge of our duties, and I feel that I have a right to say that I realize that fact as well as any other member here. I trust that never again will we have to ask delegates to sit in as long a session without a recess as this has been. I trust that I, as Grand President, shall have your hearty co-operation, and I feel that I need not even think that I will not have it; but I mean to enlist your hearty co-operation and the co-operation of the chapters that you represent, and I pledge to you as much as I have asked. Not only that, but let us pull together in the fields that are yet undeveloped. Much has been brought before us looking to the development of the fields that are still open to us. No definite action has been taken by the Grand Chapter as such, but here and now let us take action on those questions, and let us resolve that we ourselves will do those things for which the chapters, more especially those in the West, are asking us to do. And let us put no limit to the number of delegates that we may have when next we meet; and when we meet again let us meet as brothers in anticipation of an enjoyable time, not only in discharge of the work that we will have to do, but in a social way as well.

Chapter Letters.

[The next letter is due in this office October 20th. Write legibly, on one side of the paper only. If possible, send type-written copy.]

Virginia Alpha.

Richmond College.

Meets every Monday at 7:30 P. M. in Fraternity Hall on Campus. 'Phone Madison 7992.

It is with much reluctance that this, the last chapter letter of the college year, is submitted. Think how many brothers there are who will soon be separated from those with whom they have associated for years. Many will go out from their old *alma mater* walls to fight the battles of life, and never again enjoy the close associations and rare old times of a "good old college life." 'Tis sad for them that go, and 'tis sad for the ones left behind; yet we may look upon these partings in a brighter way. Are we not sure that each one goes out determined to love and think of $\Sigma \Phi E$ always, and to work to its upbuilding in the outside world as he has in his student life.

This has surely been a most successful year for our beloved fraternity. We have added some very strong chapters to our list, and they have been decidedly representative of the different sections of the country—North, South, East, and West. This means more to us than any other aspect of the additions. We are going into the very strongest schools, regardless of location.

We are extremely glad also to note the improvements made in the business methods of the fraternity. Everything seems to be getting down to a more regular working basis. The Conclave showed just how everything was moving, and the reports brought home by the delegates were more than satisfactory.

This, our last letter of the year, should contain a summary of the year's work.

We returned to College this year with eight old men, and



A. R. MEREDITH,
Virginia Alpha,
'Varsity Pitcher and Second Base,
Richmond College.



F. G. LOUTHAN,
Virginia Alpha,
Manager Track Team,
Richmond College.



W. H. JENKINS,
Virginia Alpha,
'Varsity Short-Stop (Captain),
Richmond College.



E. L. MACFARLANE,
Virginia Alpha,
Sub. Catcher,
Richmond College.



L. E. GUY,
Virginia Alpha,
'Varsity Catcher,
Richmond College.

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received two affiliates—Brothers Arnold and Brown, of Virginia Delta, both entering the Law School. It was also our pleasure to secure five “goats” out of the number of prospects which adorned the campus.

In scholarship our fellows have all managed to keep up with the average student, and Brothers Davis, Wright, and Phillips may be said to be almost head and shoulders above the rank and file.

This has been our most successful year on the athletic field. We had five men playing on the foot-ball team, while Brother Meredith, a lettered man of last season, was out of the game. Brother Garland was manager of the foot-ball team. He made a most successful manager, and has been called the best in the State. We are sorry to say that he gave his work as manager too much of his attention, and, on account of the nervous strain he had to undergo, the doctor advised him to leave College. We lost him an active man, though he is still with us as much as ever in every other respect.

Another form of athletics to receive our attention was track work though Brother Louthan was the only one who took any part. He was manager of the team, and gave to it some fine trips attending practically all the in-door games in the Southern Athletic Association. On February 12th it was his turn to entertain the South-Atlantic athletes, and a very successful in-door meet was pulled off here by Richmond College under his management.

This year, for the first time, an attempt was made to have a boat crew, and it has apparently proven a success, though it is still too early to have had a race. Three of our men who are trying out have been steady men on very reliable crews. Brothers Johnson and Tyler have both rowed with the Virginia Boat Club for the past two years, and Brother Knight was stroke on the Philadelphia Swift Water Crew. Brother Johnson has been made captain of the crew.

Brother Jenkins, as captain of the base-ball team, has his squad out every day, and has played some very good games,

though the season so far has not been as successful as we might wish. He is filling his position well at short-stop, and has Brother Guy as his most reliable catcher. Brother Meredith is pitching and playing second alternately with the other pitcher. It was with regret that we saw Brother Brown cut out of the game, for he had left field "cinched" both by fielding and batting. In the Easter Monday game he was struck by a foul ball, which fractured his skull, and necessitated a very serious operation. For forty-eight hours he was hovering between life and death. The largest blood-clot on record was removed from his brain by the operation. After a couple of weeks he was up and walking around, and, though he is still with us, the doctor has refused to let him resume his studies, and, naturally, he is unable to resume the game. Brother Brown wishes to return his sincere thanks to the men of our near-by chapters, who happened to learn of his accident, for the kindness they extended him.

It was with much joy that we learned, some time ago, the College had accepted the gift of a large estate some miles out of the city for a new campus. It is hoped by the trustees that within five years we will have one of the most modern and up-to-date colleges in the United States. The endowment of the College at present surely justifies such a belief. Including endowment, cash, and property, we have not less than \$2,000,000 with which to build and endow the new college. It looks very much now as if our chapter will be in good shape to put up a chapter house fine enough, we hope, to compare favorably with the other edifices on the grounds. Some of our alumni have responded nobly to our appeals for aid, but the undertaking cannot succeed without the help of all, which we expect to have as soon as an organized campaign is begun.

With the prospect of a new college, the students live in hope that those who follow us will have some kind of a dance hall, an addition for which the present student body has been calling without avail. The lack of proper accommodations, however, has not in the least detracted from the dances of the German Club, though it does necessitate greater expense to lease



W. H. DAVIS,
Virginia Alpha,
'Varsity Right Tackle,
Richmond College.



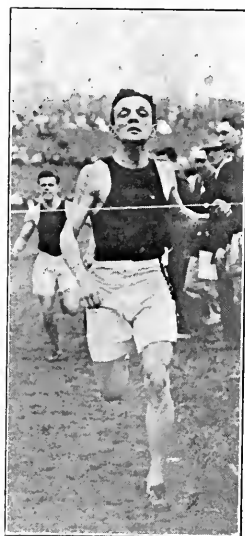
D. G. TYLER,
Virginia Alpha,
'Varsity Half-Back,
Richmond College.



G. G. GARLAND,
Virginia Alpha,
Manager 1909 Foot-Ball,
Richmond College.



J. W. C. JOHNSTON,
Virginia Alpha,
'Varsity Left Tackle,
Richmond College.



WALTER LEVERING,
Pennsylvania Delta,
Winning the Mile at Univ. of Va.,
April, 1910.



a hall in the city. All have contributed generously, and the club has been the host at many very successful and enjoyable affairs on the Hermitage Golf Club floor. Our chapter at present has five men in the German Club, and at the Easter dance had the pleasure of having a couple of alumni brothers in attendance.

This year has been what we may call a good, all-around college year. Nothing exceptional or remarkable has happened, such as the discovery of any new theories, nor have any records been broken; but everything has succeeded in a moderate way, and the College, as a whole, has done well. We have had with us on several occasions lecturers of the world's greatest, and the faculty also has entertained the student body with a series of public lectures. A different professor delivers a lecture each Tuesday evening. These lectures have been well attended, and enjoyed by both the student body and the public.

It would be hard to bring this letter to a close without mentioning, with pleasure, the faithful attendance at meetings of Brothers Stewart Brown, of Virginia Theta, who resides in Richmond, and D. N. Davidson, who is attending the University College of Medicine.

The recent election of officers resulted as follows:

I. D. S. Knight.
Charles Phillips.
W. Wright, Jr.
L. E. Guy.
V. L. Arnold.
I. T. Bagley.

In this, our last letter, we send greetings to all of our brothers throughout the world. We wish to extend special greetings to our baby sister chapter, Kansas Alpha, at Baker University.

Fraternally,

F. G. Louthan,
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

West Virginia Beta.

West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.

Meets every Tuesday at 6:45 o'clock at the Chapter House, 61 Foundry Street.

For the fourth and last time in the college year of '09-'10 West Virginia Beta sends greetings and best wishes to her sister chapters, strong in the belief that this has been a good year for $\Sigma \Phi E$, and in the hope that the coming year may be as good to us. Since the return of Brother Wyatt from the Conclave, bearing news of the other chapters and of the Grand Chapter, we feel that we know you all better, though we regret that we could not all be in Washington to meet and talk with the representatives there. In this connection we desire to express our sincere congratulations to the Kansas Alpha Chapter, and our hope that the fickle goddess may always smile on them. We like to see this expansion of the fraternity toward the West, and we expect to see the day when every State in the Union will send its representatives to our Conclaves.

On Tuesday evening, April 12th, we led another man through the mysteries, and we take this occasion to introduce him to all wearers of the "heart." He is Benjamin Franklin Tracy, Engineering, 1913, Wheeling, W. Va.

West Virginia University opened its base-ball season last week with two victories, and the prospects seem to indicate that we have a good team again this year. West Virginia Beta is fairly well represented on the squad by two brothers and a "pledge." This is Brother Wiley's fourth consecutive season in the out-field, and also his last, as he graduates in June. Our other graduates are Brothers Moon and Billingsley, all receiving the Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering.

At the beginning of the spring term we moved to a more suitable chapter house, and now renew our invitation to all $\Sigma \Phi E$ brothers to visit us in our new quarters. We had with us a few days ago, for a short visit, Brother McKinney, formerly

of the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter. He appears to be prospering, and certainly looks the part.

Lately the national fraternity chapters here have formed an organization composed of one representative from each chapter, which we believe will not only be a great help to the Greeks, but will also, as its purpose is stated in its constitution, advance the interests of the University and of the whole student body. This organization is known as the Aereopagus, and at present is composed of nine men. It will manage and control all inter-fraternity activities, and take the initiative in such other matters as may require its action.

The annual Easter dance given by the Pan-Hellenic Association was a howling success, to say the least. Some sixty tired, but satisfied Greeks wended their way homeward in the early hours of the morning, and those of us who graduate this year realize that there is yet one more side of fraternity life which we shall miss when we are gone.

In closing this letter we cannot but say that we are satisfied with the condition of $\Sigma \Phi E$ at home and at all other colleges where we are represented, and we hope to greet you all again at the opening of the coming year, which we expect to be even better with us than those that have gone before.

Fraternally,

J. E. Billingsley,
Chapter Historian.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

Pennsylvania Beta.

Jefferson Medical College.

Meetings are held at Chapter House, 1108 Pine Street, every second Monday
Evening at 9:15 o'clock.

We can scarcely realize at "Jeff." that our year is so nearly finished, and especially are those of us who are Seniors fain to believe that it is all a dream, and that we will awake and discover that the coming "exams." are not so close at hand and threaten-

ing us, but are still in the distance. However, the rumor has grown persistently, and it must be true, that within the week we are to undergo our first test by fire to determine if by chance there are any among us to be found wanting. The class of 1910 at Jefferson has always been a promising one, even from its Freshman days, and we hope that at the end its mortality will be as low as its morality has always been high. Already we have secured appointments in the very best hospitals of the country, and in this work $\Sigma \Phi E$ has not stood idly by with folded arms and let the entire distinction go to others. The brothers who have secured appointments are

- C. B. Forcey, St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City ; State Hospital, Fountain Springs, Pa.
- H. H. Beck, Passavant Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.
- P. E. Keefe, St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City.
- J. A. Lea, Gouveneur Hospital, New York City.
- C. A. Moriarty, St. Catharine's, Brooklyn ; St. Agnes, Philadelphia.
- C. M. Thomas, State Hospital, Fountain Springs, Pa. ; Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.
- S. C. Brumbaugh, Jefferson Medical College Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.
- R. L. Jones, St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass.
- R. W. Johnston, State Hospital, Fountain Springs, Pa ; Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Wherever we may be after our graduation, we shall strive to uphold the high ideals of $\Sigma \Phi E$ in our work, and so add glory and distinction to the already honored and respected golden "heart" of $\Sigma \Phi E$.

On April 4th we initiated one new man,

Simon Clarence Brumbaugh, 1910, Everett, Pa.

The rumor which has been noised about for some time regarding the union of "Jeff." and Medico-Chi. has, during the last two months, increased in strength. It is said that the union is almost sure to come within the year, and the name of the institution resulting from the union has even been mentioned—

The Jefferson Medico-Chirurgical College. Whether there is any truth in the story is another matter, and as yet is a mere matter of conjecture. Whether the union would be a desirable thing is a matter of opinion, and perhaps a matter of choice.

These are the days of early rising and late retiring, with entire inattention to matters social.

Success to all our brothers in their coming "exams."

Fraternally,

R. W. Johnston,
Acting Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

University of Pittsburg (formerly Western University of Pennsylvania).

Meets every other Monday alternately at 5:00 and 7:30 o'clock P. M., in Fraternity Rooms, 3019 Brereton Avenue.

Pennsylvania Gamma is glad to greet again her sister chapters through THE JOURNAL. The close of the year finds us in excellent condition, as we hope it does all other chapters. The Seniors are wondering, "What will the answer be?" and all are working into shape for the "finals," which will come soon.

The Medical building on the new campus is rapidly nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall term. The change of location will necessitate a change in chapter houses, and we hope then to get a house in which we can live. Heretofore we have been unable to secure a suitable house, conveniently situated, to accommodate even a few of us, so we will really appreciate a house in which we can be together.

On March 15th our seventh annual banquet was held at the Monongahela House. There was a general good time. Many alumni were present. Brother Howell, of Virginia Alpha, was with us on this occasion for the first time, and he was voted a jolly good fellow.

At our last meeting the following brothers were elected to serve as officers for the coming year :

W. P. Sammons.

H. A. O'Neal.

G. M. Sprouls.

A. C. Logan.

C. R. Graham.

H. L. Hill.

In closing, Pennsylvania Gamma wishes all her sister chapters success, and to those of the brothers who will this year leave the ranks of active membership she extends her best wishes for success in their chosen work, whatever it may be.

Fraternally,

V. B. Eiler,

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.

Chapter Historian.

Illinois Alpha.

College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Illinois.

Meets every other Monday Night at 8 o'clock at Chapter House, 725 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Illinois Alpha extends greetings to her sister chapters.

We are all hard at work in preparation for final examinations, and looking forward expectantly to the summer holidays with their many pleasures.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large the following men, whom we have initiated into the mysteries of $\Sigma \Phi E$:

October 22, 1909—

Edward William White, Medicine, '10, Chicago, Ill.

Luther Remi Moore, Medicine, '12, McLeansboro, Ill.

Alvin Thompson, Medicine, '12, Racine, Wis.

Budd Robbins, Medicine, '12, Kalispeel, Montana.



H. R. SWORD, Illinois Alpha,
Winner in Competitive Examination for
Internship in Cook County Hospital.

E. E. BUNDY,
North Carolina Gamma,
Varsity Second Base and Pitcher, Trinity College.

H. G. HARRIS, North Carolina Gamma,
Varsity Second Base and Pitcher, Trinity College

"SIGMA" AND BRO. BACCHUS,

Thomas Burke Walsh, Medicine, '12, Miller, South Dakota.

Arthur Calvin Rhine, Medicine, '12, Chicago, Ill.

Clyde Franklin Bacchus, Medicine, '11, Lewiston, Ill.

Ross Oren Taylor, Medicine, '12, Havana, Ill.

Charles Bernard Jackman, Medicine, '11, Chicago, Ill.

William Frederick Kistinger, Medicine, '11, Ranson, Ill.

Grover Erman Johnson, Medicine, '10, McLeansboro, Ill.

November 12, 1909—

Charles Ralph Wiley, Medicine, '12, Chicago, Ill.

Clarence James McMullen, Medicine, '12, Chicago, Ill.

William Frederick Glazier, Medicine, '10, Whildemmore, Iowa.

February 11, 1910—

Hobart Conway Ruddick, Medicine, '12, Sandoval, Ill.

Allan E. Gage, Medicine, '12, Mount Graves, South Dakota.

William Elliott Taylor, Medicine, '13, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Charles Elmer Stevens, Medicine, '10, Chicago, Ill.

William Henry Haslett, Medicine, '12, Depew, Ill.

Williard Robert Vaughn, Medicine, '12, Covert, Michigan.

Zeph Stanley, Medicine, '10, Crossville, Ill.

We realize that the supremacy of $\Sigma \Phi E$ in college life is dependent upon its choice of men who will make true brothers and co-workers, and who will reflect honor upon the fraternity in their college work. These new men stand in the first rank, both as scholars and in popularity, and Illinois Alpha justly feels proud of them.

At our last meeting the election of officers resulted as follows:

Franklin Harvey Carter.

Luther Remi Moore.

Clyde Franklin Bacchus.

Ross Oren Taylor.

Thomas Burke Walsh.

Clarence James McMullen.

Brother Sword recently received high honors in securing a place as a result of the competitive examination for internes at

Cook County Hospital. This appointment is valued very highly, and is considered the best internship obtainable west of New York City. The competition is very keen, and we feel very proud of Brother Sword, who has so well represented $\Sigma \Phi E$. Brother Sword's scholarship record for his entire course has been very high, and his recent showing was long foretold by those who knew him well, especially his brothers in Illinois Alpha.

$\Sigma \Phi E$ is well represented in our College athletics. Wrestling has become one of our leading athletic features, and we were all glad to see Brother Gage win the College championship. Brother Vaughn has made a place upon the base-ball team.

Brother Joyce has arranged to do interne work at St. Mary's Hospital during the coming season.

Brother Carter was recently called home to Vienna, Ill., on account of the death of his father.

Brother Ruddick spent a week at his home in Sandoval, Ill. While there he voted "dry" on the local option question.

Brother Walsh has excited much envy of late by his popularity with the fair sex.

The not infrequent visits of Brother Moore to Elgin have also brought forth many interrogations.

Our new mascot, "Sigma," has become quite a pet at the chapter house. He is shown in the picture published in this issue, posing with Brother Bacchus.

We have been honored of late by several visitors from other chapters, among whom were Brother Tavener, of Ohio Gamma, and Brothers Schulte and Flynn, of Colorado Alpha. Grand Secretary Phillips is another who was gladly welcomed by the boys on his recent visit to our chapter.

Illinois Alpha chapter house is wide open, and we are always glad to welcome our brothers in $\Sigma \Phi E$.

Extending best wishes to our sister chapters in the last letter of this term, we remain,

Faternally,

C. J. McMullen,
Chapter Historian.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Colorado Alpha.

University of Colorado.

Meets every Monday Night at 10 o'clock in the Chapter House, 1135 Eleventh Street.

The fourth letter of the year to THE JOURNAL finds Colorado Alpha in the best of spirits. During the past year we have had many successes as a chapter. At present we are working hard for the final honors, and the outlook for next year, as far as it can be judged from the number and character of the men who expect to return, is of the best.

Perhaps the best thing that has happened at Colorado Alpha since the last letter was the visit of Bro. W. L. Phillips. It is an old saying that "seeing is believing," and now we believe that Brother Phillips has all the attributes that have been accredited to him. We enjoyed him first as a good fellow, and next because of the excellent advice that he was able to give us. His talk at our meeting on the other chapters and the fraternity in general made better men of all of us, and his example of earnest endeavor in the Grand Chapter was an inspiration to all wearers of the "heart."

In the University activities we have been well represented. Brothers Dunklee and Odlum were on the debating team that defeated Kansas here by a unanimous decision, and Brother Dunklee recently won the second prize of ten dollars in the Prohibition Oratorical Contest.

Base-ball and track seasons are at their height in the University, with the only inter-collegiate base-ball game played thus far won by Colorado, Brother Fawcett playing with his usual form at third base. In track Brothers Prouty and Heaton, both letter men of last year, are making good again in their distance runs. Of the Freshmen, Bro. "Dutch" Hartman in the hurdles, and Brother Bradfield in the "440," are doing well for so early in the season.

Fraternity base-ball is in full swing again, with our fraternity in the lead. Two of the hardest games have been played,

and both were won by $\Sigma \Phi E$. With Brothers Bailey and Hartman in condition as our battery, and supported by the strong infield, there seems to be no reason why we cannot decorate the hall of our next year's home with the inter-fraternity base-ball pennant.

The mention of a new home calls to mind the lease we have secured on one of the finest houses on the hill. Our present house lacks proper dancing and entertaining facilities, and is not as large as we desire. This new lease brings us a house that is generally considered to have the best of arrangements for both dances and receptions, and we will certainly be pleased to move into it next year.

Of social events $\Sigma \Phi E$ is carrying her share in the University. Since the March letter we have given a successful down-town dance, at which several stray "Greeks" and faculty members were entertained as guests. We were glad also to have several of our alumni present.

High School Day is a "red letter" affair for the fraternity as well as for the University. On this occasion the High School athletes from all over the State contest here in a big inter-scholastic track meet. This gives an excellent chance for the University men to acquaint themselves with the High School Seniors who intend to come here next year. Incidentally, the fraternities and sororities do all they can to present an attractive appearance to the visitors. $\Sigma \Phi E$ will give a dance in the evening, after holding a reception for the students during the day.

May 21st is the day selected for our annual re-union picnic at Glacier Lake this year. On this occasion we charter a special train and start out about 10 o'clock in the morning for this resort, situated about twenty-five miles away in the mountains. Here we spend a delightful day in rowing and mountain climbing. At dusk the Freshmen spread the festive meal. In the evening the floor of a rustic pavilion is made ready, and by the light of the glowing embers from the grate at the end of the hall the "light fantastic" holds full sway. About midnight the party breaks up and boards the waiting train for town. It is

hardly necessary to say that these picnics prove the greatest attraction of the year for the alumni, and that each one has surpassed its predecessor in attendance.

Colorado Alpha loses four men by graduation this year, and the chance may be taken here to express our appreciation for their untiring efforts during their active membership for the good of the fraternity. As to the rest of the men, they will probably all be back to help launch the chapter into another successful year, and we will hear of their work later.

But we will not suffer so much on account of the men that we will lose, for we have initiated two men and pledged three more since the last letter. On Monday, March 21st, we initiated

Ralph Mayhon Rowen, Arts, 1913, Longmont, Colo.

Walter Edward Blomgren, Civil Engineering, Boise, Idaho.

Both of these men are promising Freshmen, Brother Rowen having made a good scholarship record thus far, and Brother Blomgren having served as captain of the Freshman basket-ball team. We expect to initiate the other men at the first meeting in May.

To the fraternity at large Colorado Alpha extends her best wishes, and to the men individually she hopes that each may have a happy, successful summer's vacation.

The work at the last Conclave must certainly have shown all wearers of the "heart" that $\Sigma \Phi E$ is fast coming to be one of the country's great fraternities. Let each one of us do all that is in his power to help it to continue its success.

Faternally,

Edward V. Dunklee,
Chapter Historian.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Pennsylvania Delta.

University of Pennsylvania.

Meets every Tuesday Evening at the Chapter House, 3745 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Yes, we are indeed prospering, happy and full of spirit at "Old Penn." In this congenial fraternity environment we are upholding, with great success, the standards set before us nationally. We are in harmony with all the other Greeks, and all are giving us helpful, co-operative Hellenic aid. We are in the front row with the large nationals here.

It is a pleasure to be a $\Sigma \Phi E$ when one sees the style of men we have harvested. Here comes an athlete, and there are a dozen more who are not only athletes, but men as well. There goes a group of students who are honor men; they also are $\Sigma \Phi E$'s. Now, this is no selfish, local praise. This is simply a letter written from a chapter burning with national enthusiasm. Let every chapter get in touch with the same flame. Tell us just how you stand here and there. It is national unity and spirit we may create by ever striving for the goals of progress, prestige, and purity. Say! We must have had a great bon-fire of spirit kindled at the last Conclave, for Brother Macfarlane has not yet finished telling us what a great fraternity we have. We all boil over at times when he tells us about the boys and what friendship exists. It was just the place and time to have the Conclave—the National Conclave at the National Capital. Right here, too, let us ask, "How about the George Washington Chapter and their unlimited hospitality?" Nothing small about them at all, is there? Six of our boys went to the Conclave, and all will be better men for us next year.

Before retiring for our summer slumber, we thought it best to make three men happy, so we initiated on March 8th—

Clarence Ernest Hewitt, College, Fulton, N. Y.

April 5th—

James Allen Burner, College, Minneapolis, Minn.

Frank Dekker Watson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Brother Watson is an honorary member, and an instructor in economics in our University. He also teaches at Swarthmore.

During Easter holidays our track team made trips south to Virginia and Baltimore. Brothers Ramsdell and Levering were with the team, and stayed with the brothers of Virginia Eta. They cannot say enough good things about how the boys used them at Charlottesville. Brother Ramsdell won the 100 in 10 flat, and finished second in the 220. Brother Levering won the mile in 4.31. At Johns Hopkins, Ramsdell won the 440 in 51 1-5 seconds, and Levering got the mile in 4.32. Three of our men will run in the Penn. relays April 30th. We expect great things of Ramsdell, Levering, and Master. Master runs on the two-mile relay, Levering in the mile run and four-mile relay, Ramsdell in the sprints.

We held our annual dance on April 6th, at Houston Hall. It was a great success. The fair sex added greatly to the effect of the beautiful decorations.

Brother Robbins dropped in the other night. It was late, so he stayed all night. He should keep better hours.

Brother Carswell, of Delaware Alpha, walked up from Delaware, and rested three days with us. He made a hit. He reports success from Delaware Alpha.

Brother Brubaker, an alumnus, gets in quite often. He is trying to persuade his family to settle here.

In the Mask and Wig Club $\Sigma \Phi E$ is well represented. Brother Eggleston and one of our "pledged" men sang in the chorus and quartette.

Brother Macfarlane has just returned from a visit to our Dartmouth Chapter. He reports a fine time, a fine collection of brothers filled with spirit, and a chapter well spoken of at Dartmouth.

Everybody work hard for $\Sigma \Phi E$ is our final word. Steer all good men to our chapters next fall.

Faternally,

Norman Foster,
Chapter Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

Virginia Delta.

College of William and Mary.

Meets every Friday at 11 o'clock P. M.

We of Virginia Delta send greetings and a message of good cheer to all of our sister chapters in $\Sigma \Phi E$, and especially to our new chapter, Kansas Alpha, do we send greetings and best wishes for a most happy and prosperous continuance.

Now that the scholastic year of 1909-'10 is nearing its close, it is with a feeling of pride and satisfaction that we look back over the growth and advancement of $\Sigma \Phi E$ during the past year, both in our own chapter and in the fraternity at large. Prosperity is surely the portion of our beloved fraternity, for never before in the history of Greek-letter fraternities have there been recorded such rapid strides in national development as those made by $\Sigma \Phi E$ in the past few years; and now, since the sixth Conclave has been held, and has proved such a perfect success in every respect, we are in a better position than ever before to keep the stream of progress flowing, and may we use our combined efforts to remove every impediment to this progress.

Virginia Delta has had its share of this year's successes, and, as we shall lose no one this year through graduation, we have the very best prospects for a large return of members in September, which means much to us toward another year of prosperity.

Since the last issue of THE JOURNAL we have been successful in adding to our list of members one who is well worthy of brotherhood in our fraternity. It is with much pleasure that we introduce to you

Emmett Cleveland Pitt, Science, '13, Chuckatuck, Va.,
initiated February 16, 1910.

We have been very fortunate in having had since the last

issue of THE JOURNAL several visitors, among whom was our distinguished Grand President, Brother Cooney. His presence here was a great delight to us all, and we hope to have him visit us again in the near future. Others with whose presence we have been honored are Brothers Savedge, Johnson, and Bowen, alumni members of this chapter; Brother Dickinson, alumnus of Virginia Alpha, and Brothers Gillette and Drewry, of Virginia Zeta. Brother Gillette represented Randolph-Macon College in a debate here against our College, and we are sorry to say that we lost. Nevertheless, we were glad indeed to see Brother Gillette win.

Σ Φ Ε has been well represented in the social events which have taken place here since Easter, especially at the two Easter Germans which were given in town last week. Most of our members took advantage of a four-day vacation and visited home, which was a great treat for them. Brother Crosswell visited Brother Arnold, of Waverly, Va, and he returned exceedingly pleased at the reception tendered him.

Now, as this is the last opportunity we have this year of communicating through THE JOURNAL with our sister chapters, we desire to extend to every brother in Σ Φ Ε our best wishes for an enjoyable vacation and a happy return next September. Though separated, may we all remain one in the holy bonds of fellowship.

Fraternally,

Herbert H. Blackwell,
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

North Carolina Beta.

North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Meets every Sunday at 2 P. M.

To every brother in Σ Φ Ε North Carolina Beta sends greetings through our last JOURNAL for this session.

For the many of us who leave our *alma maters* to fight the

battles of life—some to receive honors, some possibly disappointments—for each of these North Carolina Beta would invoke God's blessing. Let each one, though he wander far, remember that he is still a member of this grand brotherhood, and that it is his duty, as well as his privilege, to keep in touch with the fraternity, and at all times to be ready to place his shoulder to the wheel and to help in placing $\Sigma \Phi E$ in the foremost rank.

Brother Dawson has just returned from his trip to the Conclave, and is very enthusiastic over the representative class of men gathered there and the detailed success of the entire Conclave.

Bro. "Strawberry" Jones, who was appointed to represent North Carolina Beta at the Conclave, was unable to attend, on account of a very serious spell of sickness, from which, we are glad to say, he has almost recovered. Brother Dawson, the alternate, attended the Conclave in his stead.

Bro. J. B. Sarratt decided, owing to a great deal of back work, caused by an operation for appendicitis, to withdraw from College for the rest of this term. He expects to return to College the first of next term to resume his studies.

Cupid, the wary little warrior, who has been making determined assaults upon our ranks, has at last succeeded in breaking through and carrying away a captive. While there is a rumor of another about to succumb, at present Bro. C. G. Armfield, '10, who was married to Miss Anna Welden, of Blowing Rock, N. C., on March 25th, is the only one we can tell for certain about. Brother Armfield left school during his Junior year, to take a position in a bank at Elkin, N. C., and his success is proved by the trusted position that he now holds, and by his early surrender to the little god.

Since the last letter North Carolina Beta has been exceedingly pleased to have as visitors Brother "Dock" Proctor, Virginia Zeta, now of Cornell; Brother Proctor, of Virginia Zeta, and Brothers Guy, Jenkins, and Meredith, of Virginia Alpha Chapter, who came to struggle with us for honors on the diamond. We were very much pleased with all five of them,

and proud to give each the grip of $\Sigma \Phi E$ and to call him brother.

North Carolina Beta wants to extend congratulations to our new brothers of Kansas Alpha, and to wish them all the benefits that $\Sigma \Phi E$ has to offer. May their paths forever lead upward, for their own good and that of the brotherhood of $\Sigma \Phi E$.

On the night of May 27th we expect to give our annual dance, and we wish to extend to all brothers who will be near, or who can come, a cordial invitation to attend, and we promise not only a royal welcome, but a good time besides.

We are now upon the home stretch, and every one of the boys is straining every sinew to be in the lead when the race is finished. To each the close of the year means the sight of loved ones and a vacation well earned. To some it means the final fulfillment of their hopes. There comes the sad thought that this is the last of college life for some of us, and we will soon be separated. We lose this year four men—Brothers Jones, Dawson, Wood, and the humble scribe.

Fraternally,

Alfred S. Armfield,
Chapter Historian.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

Ohio Alpha.

Ohio Northern University.

Meets every Sunday Afternoon at 1:30, in Chapter House, South Gilbert Street.

Once more Ohio Alpha has the opportunity of sending greetings and best wishes for continued prosperity to all sister chapters in $\Sigma \Phi E$.

The past year has been a busy one with us, but we are now on the home stretch, and several of our members will soon go out to begin life's work. Some have already completed their courses and accepted very creditable positions.

Our ranks have been strengthened during the last semester by the following, who were initiated April 17th:

Neil Newton Higus, C. E., 1911, Minneapolis, Minn.
Charles Caldwell Ingraham, C. E., 1912, Minneapolis, Minn.
Frank Iolas Wilson, C. E., 1910, Elwood City, Pa.
Charles Joseph Musautt, C. E., 1912, Bridgeport, Conn.
Lloyd Albert Roberts, C. E., 1912, Ashtabula, Ohio.
Walter Mallilieu Linn, C. E., 1911, Kennardell, Pa.
George Edward Dougherty, C. E., 1910, Ramsaytown, Pa.
Reese F. Veatch, Music, Ada, Ohio. Honorary.
Prof. Frederick Maglott, Ada, Ohio. Honorary.
Rev. Clarence Dumont Mitchell, Ada, Ohio. Honorary.

Brother Veatch is secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and assistant instructor in music.

Brother Maglott is instructor in history and mathematics, and has been for many years one of the most popular professors in the University.

Brother Mitchell is pastor of the Christian Church of Ada, and is one of the most successful ministers and evangelists among the Disciples of Christ. He began his work at Grover Hill; from there he went to Lima, and thence to his present position. Brother Mitchell has not confined his efforts to any one locality, but has held revival meetings all over the State, as a result of which many conversions have been made and several new churches erected.

We are pleased to report that Brother Kurtz is valedictorian of the Senior Class, Brother Stambaugh prophet, and Brother Gretzner vice-president. Brother Kurtz has just returned from Scio, Ohio, where he was sent as one of three to represent the University in a debate at that place.

Since our last letter we have opened our dining-room, and now, much to the satisfaction of all, we feel our conveniences complete.

Not only have our boys made good in the class-room, but in athletics as well. Six of our brothers have made the 'Varsity



OHIO ALPHA MEMBERS 'VARSITY BASE-BALL TEAM,
Ohio Northern University.



WILLIAM A. FLEMMING, LL. B.,
Ohio Alpha,
Valedictorian 1910, Law Class of 150,
Ohio Northern University 'Varsity Pitcher 1909,
(In eight games only twenty-four hits made off his delivery,)
Member Student Senate.

base-ball team. The team is to meet the best in the country, and the men are showing themselves fully capable.

Just as we are about to close this letter Brother Phillips comes to pay us a visit. We gladly welcome him, and wish to say to all other brothers who chance to come this way that the latch-string is always out, and a warm hand to greet you is within.

With best wishes to all sister chapters, we remain,

Faternally,

F. S. Mollenauer,
Chapter Historian.

OHIO ALPHA.

Indiana Alpha.

Purdue University.

Meets every Friday Evening at 9:30 at Chapter House, 102 Thornell Street.

With the beautiful spring season breaking upon us, and happy anticipations ahead, Indiana Alpha extends to all her sister chapters a pleasant greeting.

Since our last letter there has been much activity in our ranks, among the foremost of which was the initiation, on February 21, 1910, of the following men :

John Howard Masters, '12, Engineering, Frankfort, Ind.

Clarence Turney Zook, '11, Engineering, Fort Wayne, Ind.

On April 3, 1910, occurred the regular annual initiation of the "pledged" men of the Freshman class, and, as a result, we are proud to introduce to the fraternity at large the following new brothers :

Charles Steadman Becker, '13, Engineering, Indianapolis, Ind.

Murray Bennett Frazee, '13, Science, La Fayette, Ind.

Howard Benton Benner, '13, Engineering, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Francis Harry Miller, '13, Engineering, Indianapolis, Ind.

Merritt Jones Cooper, '13, Engineering, Evansville, Ind.

Fred Shull, '13, Engineering, Monticello, Ind.

We now have as active members of the chapter twenty-six men.

On Friday, April 8th, Indiana Alpha began a house party, which continued for three days. It is needless to say that there was a jolly time, and that the party far surpassed our efforts of previous years. Our house, which was tastefully decorated, was turned over to the girls and chaperones, and, as the period was one of general celebration about the University, the Junior "Prom." being held on April 8th, and "The City Chap," written by George Ade for the Harlequin Club of Purdue, being played on April 9th, the occasion was most fitting for a house party.

In athletics Brother Friedman won his numerals in basketball, and Brother Schneller has his old position on the '10 class base-ball team, while Brother Becker has a sure place on the pitching staff of the Freshman team. In track Brother Cooper won first place in the half-mile and two-mile events in the Freshman meet.

In the Harlequin Club and the play, "The City Chap," Indiana Alpha was well represented by Brother LeBeau as a member of the Board of Directors and assistant stage carpenter, Brother Bayer in the orchestra, Brother Miller as electrician, and Brother Zook as "Essie" in the cast. Brother Zook made a decided hit as one of "The Heavenly Twins," and with his "other twin" was obliged to respond to several *encores*.

Alas! that bowling league cup, about which we all dreamed, slipped from our hands, for we lost it by only a few points.

We were much pleased to have with us on April 16th and 17th Bro. W. L. Phillips, of the Grand Chapter. We all enjoyed his stay with us very much, and we hope he can make his visits more frequent and longer.

We were also glad to have with us during our house party Bro. L. V. Sheridan, '09. "Sherry" says house parties win his heart, and he will be with us at our annual every year.

As the scholastic year at Purdue begins to draw to a close, Indiana Alpha looks back with pride over another happy and successful year, and the only cloud that obscures our most

pleasant anticipations for 1910-1911 is the fact that the '10 men will no longer be in our midst, that they are going—going into the broad field of battle, that we will no longer have their guiding influence and good example to lead us in the practice of those virtues and principles dear to the heart of every Σ Φ Ε.

With best wishes to all her sister chapters, Indiana Alpha bids them, for the present, a fond farewell.

Faternally,

INDIANA ALPHA.

William A. Hanley,
Chapter Historian.

New York Alpha.

Syracuse University.

Meets every Friday Evening of the College Year, at 7 o'clock P. M., at the Chapter House, 303 Waverly Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

Again New York Alpha greets her sister chapters, and this time unites with them in extending the hand of fellowship to our new sister, Kansas Alpha, at Baker University.

With "finals" less than a month distant, the boys at Syracuse are beginning to marshal their mental forces in preparation for this final engagement, which is to determine promotion, for many to a superior class, but for some to the broader field of the world. Evening engagements are being reduced to the necessary only, study hours are being observed more faithfully, and an atmosphere conducive to study and introspection has come to pervade the chapter house throughout.

A review of the year now waning fully confirms the sanguine prophecies made by us last September. Never before in the history of New York Alpha has the true spirit of brotherhood, mutual helpfulness, forbearance, and good will been so obvious and so strong; nor has the local chapter ever had so prosperous a year as the one so soon to be a memory. Our alumni, as they have dropped in on us from time to time, have

noted and remarked upon this spirit, and rejoiced with us at its presence, and it is our earnest wish and hope that this spirit shall continue a permanent resident of our chapter house.

The "rushing" season for the second semester is still "open" at New York Alpha. Spring selections have been made very slowly this year, not because of any lack of available material, but due largely to the conservative spirit, resulting from our internal prosperity, which prompts us to accept no ninety per cent. men so long as any of the hundred per cent. type remain in college unpledged. We have several pledges, and were this letter a week or so later it would be our pleasure to introduce to the fraternity at large a bunch of men pregnant with $\Sigma \Phi E$ ideals, whom all wearers of the "heart" would be proud to hail as brothers.

Fraternity election of officers for the coming year resulted in the selection of Arthur L. Billings, '11, for President, with the following as cabinet :

Burr N. Prentice, '12.

Otto G. Reumann, '13.

Carleton B. Hutchings, '11.

Walter P. McIntosh, '12.

William E. Gilmore, '12.

With this strong corps of officers another successful year for $\Sigma \Phi E$ at Syracuse is assured.

On the diamond the "Orange" nine has early in the season shown signs of unmistakable ability. Only one game has been played, but in this the 'Varsity easily defeated the crack nine from Rochester University, and thereby brought a feeling of considerable satisfaction to all supporters of the "Orange." Brother Merwin, '10, has been retained on the 'Varsity squad, and can be found in left field, pulling down "liners" and picking up "grounders" in his usual form.

Navy prospects are bright, too. The crews have been on the water a month or more, and are pulling in a form that looks good for one or more "firsts" at Poughkeepsie in June. Brother

Putnam, '11, is sure of his seat at No. 7 in the 'Varsity shell, and Brother Smith is in line for a place in the '13 boat.

On the track the 'Varsity faces two meets this spring, one with our old rival, Colgate, May 7th, and another with Michigan, May 14th. We are making no prophecies as to the outcome of these meets, but would like to remark that the "Orange" relay team won first place at Madison Square Garden last month against Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Cornell, and leave you, gentle reader, to draw your own conclusions. Brother Rile, '13, is out for the half-mile and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the meets.

At the recent election of officers for the University Y. M. C. A. Brother Billings, '11, was elected president of the organization for the coming year, and Brother Putnam, '11, was elected treasurer.

The name of Brother Wood, '10, appears in the recent announcement of the men chosen to participate in the annual upper-class oratorical contest. A large number of orations was submitted, from which number five were selected to compete for the prizes. Brother Wood is receiving many suggestions as how best to spend his prize money, with the contest still two weeks distant.

Boar's Head, the college dramatic society, presented Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" as their Senior week play this year. The caste was ably supplemented by Brothers Davern, '11, and McIntosh, '12, who showed themselves on this occasion Thespians of no mean ability.

Double Seven, a representative Junior class society, has elected Brother McIntosh, '12, from the Sophomore class, as one of the "fourteen" for next year.

Since our last letter a chapter of the National Civic Fraternity, Beta Epsilon, has been chartered at Syracuse. As charter members $\Sigma \Phi E$ is represented by Brothers Wood, '10, and Billings, '11.

In closing, we would extend to our Seniors everywhere New York Alpha's heartiest congratulations and most sincere wishes

for their abundant and continued success, and to the men who will return to college again next September we wish a pleasant vacation and a successful year.

Fraternally,

John D. Northrop,
Chapter Historian.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

Virginia Epsilon.

Washington and Lee University.

Meets every Saturday Night at 10:00 o'clock, in Chapter Rooms, McCrum Building.

Virginia Epsilon again extends heartiest greetings to all brothers in $\Sigma \Phi E$.

The Conclave, which for some time had been the subject of much talk and interest, is now over, and our delegate, Brother Carter, accompanied by Bro. K. Y. Rockwell, has returned, filled with enthusiasm and glowing reports. They both expressed great appreciation of the hospitality they received at the hands of District of Columbia Alpha.

Brother Griffin visited us for a few days, and his short visit was greatly enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, several of the men were out of town, and regretted exceedingly having missed seeing him.

Since our last letter Virginia Epsilon has had the misfortune of losing one of its best old men, Bro. Paul A. Rockwell. We miss him very much, and wish him the greatest success in his business life.

Brother Cazort has returned from Greensboro, N. C., where he was one of the debaters against the University of North Carolina. The "Tar-Heels" triumphed over our worthy debaters in a close contest.

Everything has been very dull in social circles this spring, excepting the Easter dances, at which Virginia Epsilon was well represented.

In athletics we have Brother Rockwell, who is trying out for the track team, and Brother Phillips, who aspires to a place as an oarsman on the boat crew.

Brothers Cole and Reilley spent the Easter holidays at their respective homes, while Brother Hooker took his usual monthly trip to Sweetbriar College to attend the dances.

Brother Blackford has gone to Washington, where he is going to take the civil service examination. We are sure of his success in passing these examinations.

Our chapter is growing stronger every year, and, as only two are Seniors, we expect to have eight or more men to begin with next fall, and raise our standard still higher.

Through the medium of *THE JOURNAL* we wish every brother in $\Sigma \Phi E$ a pleasant and successful vacation.

Fraternally,

A. S. Reilley,
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

Virginia Zeta.

Randolph-Macon College.

Meets every Saturday Night in Fraternity Hall, Hughes Building.

It is but fitting that this, the last letter of our college year, should be fullest in points of interest, which, though local in themselves, are, nevertheless, all for our beloved fraternity, and go to show more conclusively that $\Sigma \Phi E$ has grown and developed since the opening of the session in September. It is fitting, we think, for this is to be our share in the valedictory of parting and legacy of growth of 1910 to the succeeding years, and we wish to do our part in saying to those brothers who leave forever the college halls, "Yours was a great privilege to be with us as we grew"; and to those who take up the work next year, "Yours is greater, for we continue to increase." And yet there comes a feeling of sadness as we write, for we know that this is

the last time that the deeds of many a dear brother shall be chronicled, and, while we are glad, indeed, to read the names of our new brothers who are striving for our mutual glorification, we cannot but regret the loss of those who have done so well. During the years of our affiliation we have seen, one by one, names disappear from the pages of *THE JOURNAL*, and we wonder often where they are and what they are doing. Scoffers at fraternity life point out that our professed love for brothers we have never seen is only a sham, but we know that we can refute this statement, having heard, time after time, the inquiries of affectionate interest concerning those who have entered before us into the larger activities of life. Fraternity love, not only local, but world-wide, is an established fact.

Virginia Zeta is justly proud of her session, and never before have we had so much to tell concerning our life in college. In every field of activity we have been exceedingly fortunate—nay, successful—during the present year, and particularly since our last letter was written, so that we rejoice at our privilege of showing to the fraternity world our achievements, knowing that, as we rejoice with our sister chapters, they will be glad with us that $\Sigma \Phi E$ has accomplished so much at Randolph-Macon during the current year.

One thing only grieves us to relate. On April 9th Bro. R. K. Dawson was forced to leave College because of bad health. Brother Dawson, though a Freshman last year, at the close of the session stood third in point of scholarship for the College. This year, up to the time of his illness, he showed great promise of outstripping all other competitors in the race for the undergraduate scholarship medal, and, by his splendid record, he had gained for himself the respect and esteem of both faculty and students. We greatly regret his loss, but we hope he will return next year.

In our work in the literary societies we have done remarkably well. Brother Gillette, whom we mentioned in our last letter as a member of the debating team against William and Mary, with his colleague, succeeded in bringing victory into the

Ashland camp. Since that time he has been elected Commencement orator from the Franklin Society, while Bro. J. C. Elliott holds a like honor from the Washington. So it appears one night of Commencement, as well as being "Hall" night, will be also $\Sigma \Phi E$ night.

In the annual public debate of Franklin Hall Brother Worsham was one of the members of the winning side. Brother Worsham is young, but he is ambitious, and we look for great work from him before he graduates in 1912.

One thing Virginia Zeta always would "brag" about is her scholarship, and we feel that, as we can back our words with facts, we have some right to talk. Indeed, in a chapter of fourteen men, it is no mean thing to maintain an average of from 80 per cent. to 85 per cent. each month. Brother Stubbs seems to be the leading spirit along this line, and not only in the chapter, but in the College, so that $\Sigma \Phi E$'s hopes run high for the Senior Scholarship Medal. We are justly proud of Brother Stubbs, whose fraternity spirit comes out in his works as well as his words.

We shall have four men to graduate at the close of the session—four men who have endeared themselves to all the College during their stay. Each has distinguished himself in one way or another, and the name of each has appeared before this in the pages of *THE JOURNAL*. Of these Brother Stubbs will enter the Johns Hopkins Medical Department next year, and Bro. E. C. White will teach, while Brothers Drewry and Gillette have not yet announced their purposes.

In athletics Brother Gillette is still playing in his old form, and Randolph-Macon is proud of Jim, as well as of the best team in ten years. On the second team Bro. "Cy" Young is playing a star game in the right garden, and Brother Haynie is both manager and slab artist for the crew.

It is a platitude to quote Tennyson regarding spring, but it is a very true saying that spring is particularly conducive to a great re-awakening of college men where the "calico" is concerned. To test this fact it is only necessary to visit the rooms of the

Virginia Zeta men on any Monday night. Perhaps two will be found in; the rest will be at the weekly dance. Yes, it seems that the blind, the lame, and the halt are all there these fine spring nights, and the "biled" shirt belonging to the non-participating brother has to be kept under lock and key. We say two men *may* be found in. In their defence let us state that one is disqualified by his calling, the other by his feet (though they say G— wears a size larger); their hearts are in the proper spot, however. And besides being regular attendants of every dance which comes along, several of our brothers (not one is in love) have developed virulent attacks of "calico fever," and flit about from house to house with an *impartiality* which deceives no one but themselves.

Why, even Bill Haynie, the staid and dignified, got into the game a short time since, and sprang a surprise in the way of an oyster roast tendered to the chapter and its—lady—friends. We heard many rare compliments on the occasion, and, from the number of hot oysters we ourselves opened for our fair guests, we can say truthfully the time was pleasantly spent. And now Bill is voted a jolly good fellow by all, and is hailed as an innovator of the first water, for to an inland town an oyster roast is a novel affair.

Brothers White and Worsham report a most enjoyable time at the Washington Conclave, and, from their glowing descriptions, all of us regret our inability to be with them. Having attended one Conclave, we have a good idea of what these brothers enjoyed, and we wish to congratulate not only them, but all who were there, on their good fortune. If all our men were as much fired with fraternity enthusiasm, the Conclave would have been a success had not a single business session been held. And Virginia Zeta is very proud of the honor when our alumni, Bro. "Chap" Yancey, was elected Grand Historian.

We also wish to tender our heartiest good will and congratulations to Kansas Alpha. Judging from the "write up" in the *Baker Orange*, our new sister chapter is composed of men who have comported themselves well in their University, and $\Sigma \Phi E$ has added another bright jewel to her diadem.

Before closing, we wish to acknowledge the visits of two of our faithful alumni, Brothers Balderson and Procter, and of our Brothers Newsomes, Pitts, and Clements, from Virginia Delta. Needless to say, we were glad, indeed, to have them with us, and only wish they and others could come more often.

Brothers in $\Sigma \Phi E$, the session of 1909-1910 is nearly over, and we believe its record has been a glorious one. As we leave our College this year we leave behind us a fraternity stronger, nobler, and more beneficent than ever before, and we may say to the on-looking fraternity world, "Applaud us." Let us rejoice in our brotherhood, and let us hope that those who follow after may do as well. And may the influence of high ideals set before us in college life keep us always in the path which has meant so much for $\Sigma \Phi E$, and will mean so much for us.

Fraternally yours,

F. E. H. McLean,
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ZETA.

Georgia Alpha.

Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

Meets every Saturday at 8 P. M. in the Alfriend Building, 97 Peachtree Street.

The college year is rapidly drawing to a close. The welcome (or unwelcome, as the case may be) call to duty will soon be heard no more until the glad vacation season has quickly spent its few short months, and not even then will some of us again hear the joyous greetings of our one-time college mates and dearest friends, for Duty, in a sterner voice than that which she uses when calling to the light-hearted, thoughtless student to return and take up his studies, now speaks to some of us, and bids us to go out into the world and take up our life's work. Long enough have we been undergoing the training to fit us for the fray, and we must now go into battle with face set firmly to the front, and never a backward glance of regret for the haven of

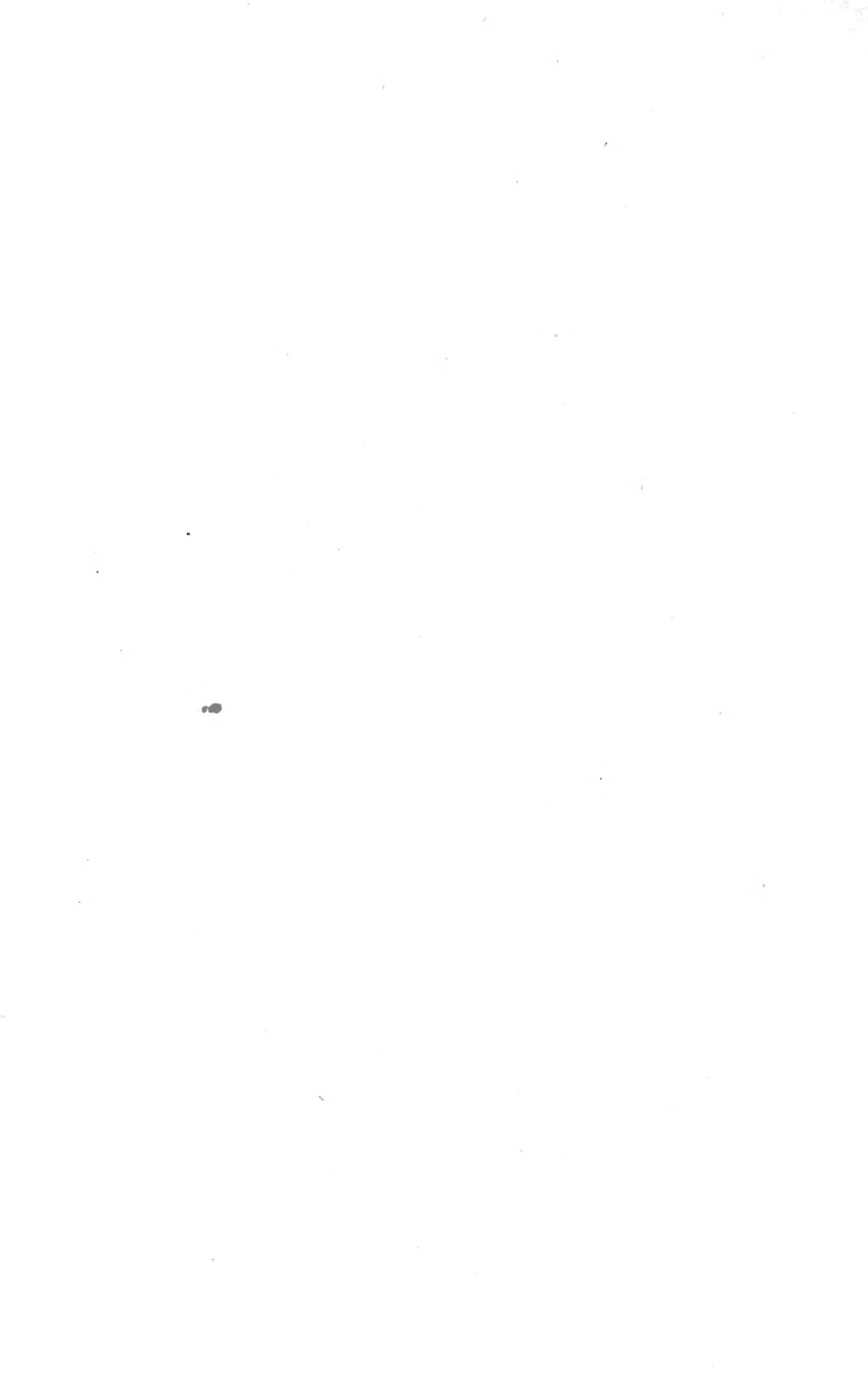
safety and ease that we have left. This is our first real test in the battle of life, and who dares do less than his best to win, to gain the first victory, that others may be easier, that defeats and failures may be fewer, the successes more frequent?

Have we really been fitting ourselves for life, or have we been stealing from ourselves in thoughtlessly letting the opportunities pass by unnoticed and unseized? Have we done the best that was in us at all times and under all conditions? Already, deep down in our hearts, we know ourselves, and soon the whole world will know, for he who has failed ever so little to make the most of the opportunities offered will soon find himself outstripped by his brother and fellow struggler, for your every weakness is only an addition of strength to him, and in the mad rush of seekers of success your brother knows you not, but always are the weaker ruthlessly trodden under foot; only the strong survive.

But, methinks I hear you ask, "What has this to do with Georgia Alpha, or $\Sigma \Phi E$ either, as a whole? What care we for his philosophy or sage reflection? What we want to know is something about the fraternity—about this chapter particularly."

Very well, then, you shall have it. Georgia Alpha is only four years old, and while each of these years have been very successful indeed, the present one, which is now rapidly drawing to a close, has been by far the most successful year in our history. We have enrolled in our active chapter twenty-four men, the second largest number in school, and this in face of the fact that nine other national fraternities are represented here at this institution, and our chapter being by far the youngest of all. We are represented in every line of college activity. Men on the foot-ball, base-ball, and track teams; the Glee Club, the editor of the college magazine, the advertising manager of the annual, the president of the leading literary society, the president of one of the engineer societies, one of the quartermasters, historian of the Freshman class, president of the Junior class, vice-president of the Freshman class, and assistant foot-ball manager are all numbered among our brothers.





These things we make mention of, not in a spirit of vain self-praise and pompous gratification, but only to let the other brothers know we are striving to do our best to further $\Sigma \Phi E$ and her interests here, and that we are doing everything in our power to have her ranked, not *among* the leading fraternities at the school, but *the leading fraternity*, and we hope for these good reasons that we will be excused from the little flattery which we have just allowed ourselves to indulge in.

Since our last letter the Conclave has held its session, and while we have not the slightest intention of discussing the great meeting from a general standpoint, for already your several representatives have fully discussed the business transacted and the great work accomplished, we cannot fail to mention the glowing account given us by our delegate, Bro. T. L. Lewis, of the great treatment and most enjoyable entertainment accorded them by District of Columbia Alpha during the session. He just simply could not say enough good things about the chapter and her fine representatives; and, my! how he expatiated upon the "good times" which they showed him. "Honest," he declared, "I never have been treated so well or had such a time in all my life. My, what a chapter they have!"

We wish to introduce to the chapters at large the following new brothers, who have successfully "ridden the goat," and who were initiated into the mysteries of $\Sigma \Phi E$:

April 16, 1910—

Elwynn White Tomlinson, M. E., 1912, Atlanta, Ga.

Herbert Tolfrie Knapp, C. E., 1914, Memphis, Tenn.

April 23, 1910—

Robert Blakey Cater, M. E., 1913, Selma, Ala.

Isaac McQueen Auld, Architect, 1911, Fort Gaines, Ga.

Ralph Marshall Tanner, M. E., 1914, Atlanta, Ga.

These are all mighty fine fellows, and we expect them to make us great workers and to do us a whole lot of good.

In closing, Georgia Alpha wishes all brothers in $\Sigma \Phi E$ a most happy and pleasant vacation.

Faternally,

James J. May,
Chapter Historian.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

Delaware Alpha.

Delaware State College.

Meets every Wednesday at 8:00 P. M., in Fraternity House, 558 Wilkins Terrace.

Once more the college year is drawing to a close, and we hope that each one of us may look back over the year with a feeling of pride for our work. If we have not reached our highest aim of success, we should profit by the experience and make new resolves for the future. While some of the individual brothers may not have reason to rejoice concerning themselves, every $\Sigma \Phi E$ can surely feel great pride in the rapid advance that our fraternity at large has made. Our recent Conclave has proven that we are on a firm foundation, and yet further measures were taken for our betterment. As it was impossible for the most of us to be there, we certainly owe a vote of thanks to the Grand Officers and every member present for the interest shown and the good work done.

We have heard glowing accounts of this Conclave from our delegate and Brother Wingett, Grand Guard. This Sixth Conclave should mark a turning point in the history of our fraternity. Future Grand Chapters will be relieved of the arduous and important task of shaping the policies and basic principles of the fraternity, now that our Constitution and Laws have been elevated out of the experimental stage and placed upon a rock foundation.

A spirit that chapters should carefully encourage is that of "Pan-Hellenism." Most of the evils connected with the college fraternities can be remedied, or even abolished, by a system of co-operation among the chapters of the respective fraternities in a college. The present "rushing" system in many colleges could be improved by an agreement among fraternities. It has been tried and proven successful. College politics can likewise be bettered by a clear understanding between chapters. Some fraternities have a false idea of losing their dignity and exclusiveness by entering into these conferences, but, in view of the

fact that the results are beneficial to both the chapters and the institutions, they should be willing to make the sacrifice.

We lose four men this year, who complete their course and go out for a "try-out" in the game of life. They are Brothers Alden, Horn, Clark, and Shaw. Although these brothers will be greatly missed by us, we feel that we are in a good position to hold our own, as we now have eighteen active members.

Brother Horn recently represented one of our literary societies in an inter-society debate, and won second prize by his oratory.

Brother Larrimore, who very ably represented us on the "gridiron," has recently quit college in order to work.

On May 7th we are to hold our annual celebration. We are expecting to have with us on that date all of our old brothers, and contemplate having a grand, good time.

Since our last letter we have introduced to the "goat" a new member, initiated April 13, 1910—

David Livingston Sloan, '12, Engineering, Elkton, Md.

Brother Sloan is one of the best students in his class, and promises to make for himself a good class record.

During the Easter vacation Brothers Alden and Van Arsdalen took a trip to New York City, and while there paid a visit to Brother Delaney, of Pennsylvania Delta; Brother Mervin, of Pennsylvania Epsilon, and Brother George Francis, of Delaware Alpha. They reported these brothers as enjoying good health and holding good positions. Brother Francis is also making an effort to organize an alumni club in New York.

The main sport to occupy our attention in athletics now is base-ball. Our team took their annual Southern trip this year, and made the best record that they have for several years. We are represented on the team by Brother "Dick" Taylor, while Brother Harvey is substitute, and has played in a part of the games.

As this is the last chapter letter of the year, we wish every brother a very pleasant and enjoyable summer vacation.

Faternally,

H. S. Ledenham,
Chapter Historian.

DELAWARE ALPHA.

Virginia Eta.

University of Virginia.

Meets every Monday Night at 10:30 o'clock, in the Chapter House, on Chancellor Street.

It is with mingled feelings of pride and sadness that Virginia Eta makes this her last communication for the college year to her sister chapters through the medium of THE JOURNAL. We are proud of our success, for this has been by far the most successful year that we have yet had. We are sad when we think of the many excellent things that we had planned and were unable to accomplish, and which will have to be left over for another year. But all those who leave us this year have the satisfaction of knowing that they leave behind them many brothers who are fully able to accomplish the things that are so much to be desired.

Of our initiates this year, all have been introduced to the fraternity at large except

Edward White Kearns, '12, Law, Taunton, Mass.

Although this is Brother Kearns's first year in the University of Virginia, he has already won many friends by his engaging personality, and has distinguished himself in his work in the Department of Law and in his activities in the athletic line on the basket-ball team.

We have several new men pledged, who are sure to add much to the strength of our chapter, and we regret exceedingly that we will have to wait until next year before introducing them to the fraternity.

In athletic lines Brother Ashby has been keeping up his old records and making new ones on the basket-ball team and on the track squad, while Brother Fitchett has been a star on the diamond. He has played in all the games of the year, and has contributed, in no small measure, towards gaining for Virginia the Southern Championship.

We have just received invitations to Bro. George C. Taylor's

wedding. Brother Taylor was formerly of Virginia Delta, but later of Virginia Eta. This dear brother has chosen an entirely original manner in which to celebrate the third anniversary of this chapter's installation. We cannot all be so original as Brother Taylor, nor can we celebrate the establishment of the chapter in such a delightful way, but, with hearty congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Taylor, we will celebrate the happy occasion by our annual banquet.

Brothers Doughty and Garvatt returned to us with glowing accounts of the Conclave, and when we heard those accounts every pulse beat quicker and a great deal of fraternal enthusiasm was kindled. This flame was greatly added to by a visit from our Grand Secretary, Bro. W. L. Phillips, who gave us glowing accounts of the establishment of our younger sister, Kansas Alpha. We are sure that she is a true "girl of the golden West," and we wish here to extend to her our congratulations and our most hearty welcome into the ranks of $\Sigma \Phi E$.

Brother Phillips also gave us a great deal of excellent advice about chapter management, which was highly appreciated. He waxed eloquent on Brother Griffin's favorite theme, "The Necessity for Every Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon to Own Its House." He presented his subject in such glowing terms, and yet in such a common sense and logical manner that, when he finished, there was not a man in the room who did not feel, as never before, the absolute necessity of the chapter's owning its house. Already the movement is on foot at other chapters, and we must not stand here idle. Let the alumni come to our aid, as we are sure they will do, and, in a few years, the "purple and red" will adorn here a real home of $\Sigma \Phi E$, for our motto is "The best of everything for $\Sigma \Phi E$ and for Virginia Eta."

Fraternally,

E. W. Wall,
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ETA.

Arkansas Alpha.

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.

Meets every Saturday Night at Hall in the Wolf Building.

The last letter of the year finds Arkansas Alpha in much better condition than we were at the first of the year. We have secured several fine men, and have more pledged whom we will initiate in June, when they will get their credits.

Since our last letter we have initiated—

Virgil Brown Buckley, C. E., '11, Rogers, Ark.

Brother Buckley has proven to be good fraternity material, and is very enthusiastic.

Brother Stout is right field on the first base-ball team, and received favorable comment from the press in the game with the Pittsburg Pirates. He will win his "A" this year.

Brother Buckley is a member of the squad, and will make first team next year.

Arkansas Alpha has a base-ball team, and is contesting for the silk pennant offered in the University League of Clubs and Fraternities, with good show of success. We have more athletic material than any other Greek-letter fraternity in school.

Our base-ball team has lost to Illinois and Pittsburg and won from Rolla School of Mines, Rolla, Mo. Our foot-ball team was the pennant winner last season, and Coach Bezdek expects our ball team to do likewise.

Under the national re-organization, Theta Nu Epsilon will establish a chapter here, as the present chapter appears to be an illegal one. Theta Nu Epsilon has done much good in doing away with the friction between fraternity and anti-fraternity men that formerly existed in the University.

Brother Plemmons returned from the Conclave with a glowing report on the fraternity at large. He says that we have the only fraternity in existence, and that the delegates from other chapters are a set of royal fellows. We knew this already, but

his visit only brings it out more vividly. He was especially impressed with the business part of the Conclave, and reports that we have the right men at our head. He also visited Kansas Alpha as a member of the installing committee, and reports a grand, good time.

We welcome Kansas Alpha with open arms as the third chapter west of the Mississippi river. Let the good work go on. We get rather lonesome away out here by ourselves without any neighbor chapters to visit. We should extend into the Western State universities at once, as the field will soon be crowded, and we will have to fight, as we did at Arkansas, to hold our own.

We were very much honored by a visit from Bro. W. L. Phillips, our Grand Secretary, while on his way home from installing Kansas Alpha. We entertained him by an informal "smoker," at which he met our "pledges" and prospective "pledges." Brother Phillips, as usual, gave us good advice, and we feel in closer touch with the fraternity by having met him. We wish he could come once a month.

To all the brothers who graduate, we wish God-speed, and to all the under-graduates a pleasant vacation. We shall welcome visitors at any time to our homes if they get this far to the West. We should have some means to keep in touch with each other during the vacation. Let all alumni clubs be organized that are possible, as by this means we can supplement a catalog.

Fraternally,

Carl S. Schindler,
Chapter Historian.

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

Pennsylvania Epsilon.

Lehigh University.

Meets every Thursday Evening at 7 o'clock, in Chapter House, 821 Delaware Avenue.

As the close of the college year draws nigh, it is with a sense of pride in a duty well done that Pennsylvania Epsilon looks back over the year just past. Opening the house with eleven men, we now have twenty-two names on the active chapter roll. Of these, six men leave by graduation, thus leaving a splendid nucleus with which to start the next year. And, best of all, the men have been *doing* things, so that Pennsylvania Epsilon is well represented not only in the serious study side of college life, but in the sports as well.

On April 14th the officers for the following year were elected, the results of the election being as follows:

Jeremy Fisher.

L. R. P. Reese.

Harry Dunstan.

Thomas R. Davies.

Caleb C. Wheeler.

Walter R. Moore.

Our annual banquet, which usually follows the installation of the officers, will not be held until the Saturday following. We expect a goodly number of our alumni back, so all are looking for a good time and a good feed.

Through an oversight, a brother, initiated September 30, 1909, was not introduced through THE JOURNAL to the fraternity at large. We now take the opportunity to introduce

Charles Huntun Schenck, C. E., '10, Stephens City, Va.

On February 24th we initiated

Andrew Keness White, Chem. Eng., '13, Chicopee, Mass.

Base-ball, with lacrosse and track, now holds the centre of the stage. Although the start made in base-ball was not a very

auspicious one, if the old adage, "Bad beginning, good ending," holds in these modern times, better success can be looked for. A recent change in the line-up has already brought great improvement. Brother Fisher, who last year made a good try for second, is covering third in great style, not only fielding well, but hitting timely. Brother Schenck is acting as substitute catcher.

In lacrosse, which is not a well-known sport, being played by but a few of the colleges, Lehigh bids fair to be the winner of the inter-collegiate championship this year. Although the season is young, we have won every game, but the hardest games are yet to be played. Here Pennsylvania Epsilon is well represented by Brother Swope, who has been playing an excellent game at second defence.

"Junior Week," the time when most of the fellows forget work for a while and turn to the more frivolous (?) things, is the last week in April. At this time the Sophomore Cotillion Club gives its spring dance, then the Junior "Prom.," and ending the week with the show given by the Mustard and Cheese Dramatic Association. Rehearsals for this show are of nightly occurrence, so that little time is left for the Thespians for anything else. Brothers Priestley and Hall will be found in the (supposedly) light-footed chorus.

Preparations are already being made for Commencement time, when fathers, mothers, sisters, and somebody else's sisters, together with Seniors, dignified in their caps and gowns, really own the campus. At this time Pennsylvania Epsilon joins in the festivities with the regular June house party, this being usually the best of the year.

Pennsylvania Epsilon bids welcome to her new sister chapter in the far West. Here are best wishes for her success and prosperity.

May good fortune ever follow every true brother in $\Sigma \Phi E$.

Fraternally,

J. Ross Hall,

Chapter Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

Virginia Theta.

Virginia Military Institute.

Meetings Friday Nights in Barracks at 7 o'clock. Alternate Sundays at 3:30 P. M.
in Sigma Phi Epsilon Rooms in Lexington.

In this, the last letter of the year, Virginia Theta sends heartiest greetings to her sister chapters, and a warm welcome to the new chapter at Baker University.

Since our last letter we have initiated two new brothers, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large, as follows :

On February 28th—

Isaac George White, Chemistry, '11, Shawsville, Va.

On March 20th—

Robert James Throckmorton, Engineering, '12, Richmond Va.

Bro. "Ikey" George White is one of the most popular men in his class, and is making life miserable for the leader in the Chemistry class.

Brother Throckmorton is a 'Varsity base-ball man, and has made a "rep." for himself on the twirling staff.

We feel especially proud of these men, because they have proven their worth, and we feel sure that they will be loyal wearers of the "heart."

The second week in May is now holding the "corps'" attention, and, we might say, dread. We will take an eight-day "hike" (forced march), beginning about May 9th, and, with the prospect of a fifty-mile tramp, under war conditions, ahead of us, the fact that we are in dread of it is not to be wondered at.

As to scholarship, of this we cannot say as much as we could after the final reckoning on June 22d. But Brother Edwards, '12, bids fair to make as brilliant a record as last year, with Brother Morrow running him a close race. Brother Gerow, '13, is an applicant for first honors in his class, and Brothers

Briser and Hundley, '11, are "rushing" first honors in their class.

It is with regret that Virginia Theta loses Bro. Charles C. Brown through graduation this year. Brother Brown has been a hard and conscientious worker, and, through his efforts, $\Sigma \Phi E$, though the youngest, has become the strongest fraternity in school. It is with regret, then, that we will bid him adieu, still feeling that he will be as strong an alumnus as he is an active member.

The basket-ball season closed on March 2d, after a successful season in the face of adverse luck. Brother Farrell won his monogram after a game fight for his position at guard, and he was elected captain of next year's team.

The base-ball season is on in full swing, and we are well represented on the 'Varsity, with Brothers Moore and Chapman on the in-field and Brother Throckmorton on the pitching staff. Out of six games we have won four, and, with this start, we feel sure of making the season a grand success.

All of our thoughts are now centered upon "finals" and the approaching examinations. "Final week," with its German and "ball," promises to be more enjoyable than ever, and we wish to remind our brothers everywhere that, should any chance to stray to the town of Lexington, our latch-string hangs on the outside, and we promise a warm welcome to all who use it.

And now, in closing this, the last letter of the year, we wish every brother a successful issue in the approaching "exams.," and hope that the summer vacation will ever remain a bright spot in the memories of us all.

Faternally,

R. C. Chapman,
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA THETA.

Ohio Gamma.

Ohio State University.

Meets every Saturday at 6:30 P. M., at the Chapter House, 1500 Neil Avenue.

As the college year is nearing an end, it is only natural and fit to turn back and see to what extent we have benefited from it. There is a great deal yet in store for Ohio Gamma. We have not yet reached the pinnacle of prestige, nor overcome every difficulty of the many which beset every new organization, especially a new fraternity like ours, placed, as we were, in direct competition with fifteen other national fraternities, established locally from ten to twenty-five years. But the past year has, in many ways, contributed its quota to the upbuilding and progress of our chapter. We have perfected its organization, and put things in a better way financially than before. While we have not increased, to any great extent at least, the numbers of our chapter over last year, owing to several of the fellows leaving school, we have maintained the same high quality of membership that characterized us at that time.

On the evening of February 26, 1910, Ohio Gamma initiated three men, all of whom we are proud to introduce to the fraternity. They are:

Elmore Rahmes Berk, '11, Engineering, Hamilton, Ohio.

Oliver Maximillin Urbain, '13, Engineering, DuQuoin, Ill.

Eli Aseph Farnham, Jr., '13, Arts, Edgerton, Ohio.

At present we have two "pledges," both excellent fellows, and we hope to hold another initiation before the close of the year.

Brother Miller has left school temporarily, to enter the office of the city engineer here at Columbus. We trust that he will become an active member again next fall.

Brothers Stiehl, Shuler, Berk, and Perkins were away during vacation, on the annual trip of the Junior and Senior Mechanical Engineers. They visited Pittsburg, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and other points of engineering interest in the East.

Ohio Gamma had two representatives at the recent Conclave in Washington. Brother Shuler, '08, of Philadelphia, and Brother Davis, our alternate, were in attendance. They were impressed, not alone with the business-like method in which things were conducted, and the fine quality of men which represented the chapters, but also by the hospitality extended them by the George Washington chapter during their stay in the city.

On the evening of May 3d Ohio Gamma entertains with her last dance of the season. We hope to have some of the alumni back on that occasion, and will try to make it the best affair of the year. Our farewell banquet does not come until June, just the week before the examinations begin.

Ohio Gamma does not graduate a man at the next commencement, but will have six in the Senior class next year. Since we do not lose any this year, except the usual percentage that fail to return, next year should be a banner one in our history.

In closing, we want to extend the heartiest greetings to our new chapter at Baker University, and also to wish each and every brother a most pleasant vacation.

Fraternally,

T. Edwin Buchanan,
Chapter Historian.

OHIO GAMMA.

Vermont Alpha.

Norwich University.

Meets every other Sunday at 1:00 P. M., in the Chapter House, on Central Street.

In this, our last letter of the college year, we extend fraternal greetings to all brothers in $\Sigma \Phi E$. In reviewing the events of the past two years, during which we have been a part of $\Sigma \Phi E$, we feel that Vermont Alpha has added much to the college life of our share of men at Norwich. The fraternity has

given us ability and strength to accomplish much for the betterment of those whom we have chosen to call brothers.

The progress of Vermont Alpha during the past year assures us of increased success during the coming year. We earnestly hope that the other chapters have been as fortunate as ourselves.

On March 18th last we celebrated our second birthday with appropriate exercises and a supper. It was with a feeling of satisfaction that we reviewed the progress of the fraternity. In the matter of extension we are well pleased. The establishment of New Hampshire Alpha, at Dartmouth, brought to us the realization of what a neighboring chapter means. We derive much good from interchange of visits, and are bound to have a more active interest in the national organization by such intercourse.

We were pleased to have with us for a couple of days recently Brother Cheney, of New York Alpha, who gave us many helpful suggestions. During the past year we have had several letters from Brother Webster, of Virginia Alpha Chapter, who is at present in China.

Our delegate to the Conclave gave us a good report of the affair, and we are satisfied with the proceedings of the Council.

We shall be glad to have brothers in this locality visit us at any time.

Fraternally,

H. T. Baker,
Chapter Historian.

VERMONT ALPHA.

Alabama Alpha.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Meets in Fraternity Rooms every Friday at 7:30 P. M.

As we have just finished our second term "exams.," and none of us were "conditioned," we feel very much relieved.

Brother Steadham returned from the Conclave full of the



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true spirit of $\Sigma \Phi E$, and we have all fallen under the influence of this contagion.

When a man goes to the Conclave and meets representatives of all the chapters, and stops to consider that they are all his brothers, and are as much interested in each other as if they were in the same chapter, it is very reasonable that they should fall in love with each other. This is precisely what happened to our delegate.

The influences toward higher ideals cannot be realized until one attends a "real live Conclave." But, at any rate, it stimulates each man to make his chapter better in every respect.

Our delegate was the guest of Georgia Alpha on his way to the Conclave, and was royally entertained by them. They should indeed feel proud of their chapter, as every man is what a true $\Sigma \Phi E$ should be. The chapter showed careful selection and hearty co-operation. They are boys that we are glad to call brothers.

And now let us praise District of Columbia Alpha. The initiating team was the best it has been the pleasure of our delegate to see. The careful preparation, and the ability to grasp the important things, is certainly a commendable point. We also wish to thank them for the courteous treatment given our delegate and the many things they did for $\Sigma \Phi E$ at large.

Brothers Steadham, Wood, and J. Blake have just returned from a ten days' concert trip with the band, and had the pleasure of seeing many of our alumni and Bro. Henry Porter, of Virginia Military Institute. We also had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Kennedy, Alabama Alpha, '09, a few days ago.

Our base-ball team is "all to the good." We won the series from the University of Georgia. Brother McGarry played field and batted 1000. He had to get a hit at a critical moment and score on the next hit.

Bro. A. C. Bryant has been appointed lieutenant in the corps of cadets.

We are sorry to lose the active work of Brother Swart, who completed his course and went home to await the awarding of

diplomas on June 8th, after which he leaves to accept a position with the Westinghouse Company, at Pittsburg.

We desire to introduce to our brothers at large :

Initiated April 15, 1910—

Franklin Augustus Hart, '13, Electrical, Montgomery, Ala.

Wyatt Blake Wood, '13, General, Roanoke, Ala.

Willis Belmont Nickerson, '12, General, Jackson Gap, Ala.

In Brother Nickerson we have a grand character. He has made highest distinction since he began school, and was appointed first corporal after a competitive examination in which there were about one hundred applicants.

The first are "rats," but have already shown that they have the qualifications of good men. Brother Hart is one of the mainstays on the track team.

Brother Steadham has been elected leader of the commencement hop.

At our last meeting the following officers were elected :

J. B. Steadham.

F. A. Hart.

A. R. McGarry.

W. T. Wood.

W. B. Nickerson.

J. H. Blake.

Now, in closing, let us extend a cordial welcome to all our brothers when in Alabama. We extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Kansas Alpha. May the ties of $\Sigma \Phi E$ never break between us.

Fraternally,

J. B. Steadham,
Chapter Historian.

ALABAMA ALPHA.



Sigma Phi Epsilon
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North Carolina Gamma.

Trinity College.

Meets every Monday at 7 P. M. in the Chapter Rooms.

Another college year is rapidly drawing to a close, and, in looking back upon our past year's work, we feel that we have made a great stride in advancing our fraternity at Trinity College. Our outlook for next year is very bright. We will lose by graduation only one man, Brother Ashby being our only Senior. If all the other men return we will compare very favorably with the other fraternities here.

Our College is growing rapidly. At present there is a \$70,000 recitation building in course of construction, and a new athletic park is also being graded. The plans are to make this one of the best equipped colleges in the South. The enrollment at present is four hundred and fifty, and, with the new building completed by next fall, we should have a much larger number of students.

Our base-ball team is doing very well. Among the teams that have met defeat are Lafayette, and Amherst twice, but the "rub" was that Trinity, of Connecticut, won two games from us, each by the score of 2 to 1. $\Sigma \Phi E$ is represented by Brothers Bundy and Harris, playing second base and left field respectively. Although Brother Bundy is a second baseman, our coach has made him pitch several games also, the regular pitchers having sore arms. Brother Bundy is doing very well. Up to date he has not lost a game, and, at the rate he is hitting the ball, he bids fair to lead the batting average. Brother Harris is one of the fastest fielders ever seen here, and he has made some wonderful catches this season.

On April 22d we initiated into the mysteries of $\Sigma \Phi E$ —

Willis Smith, Arts, '10, Elizabeth City, N. C.

We learned from Brother Ashby what a great success the Conclave was, and our only regret is that we could not all enjoy being present at such a pleasant gathering of $\Sigma \Phi E$.

On the heels of the Conclave came the installation of Kansas Alpha, which we heartily welcome into our fraternity, with the wish that success will be with them in whatever they undertake.

During Easter we had a very pleasant visit from Brother Tuttle, who spent a few days with us.

On April 5th Richmond College played our ball team. We were glad to find Brothers Jenkins, Meredith, and Guy members of the team, and hope to see them down here again.

Fraternally,

J. M. Currin, Jr.,

Chapter Historian.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

New Hampshire Alpha.

Dartmouth College.

Meets every Wednesday at 7:15 P. M. in Fraternity Rooms, Dartmouth National Bank Building.

What true fraternity spirit is displayed now at the best time of the year—spring! Every man feels that he has a place to fill and that life is well worth living. In his heart he thanks God for $\Sigma \Phi E$, which he openly loves to serve and defend. We are all ready to do anything for the advancement and glory of $\Sigma \Phi E$. With the depths of snow and almost freezing mercury behind us, and with green grass under our feet, we feel like putting our “best licks” into the work before us.

We are glad, indeed, to introduce to our brothers at large—

Initiated February 12, 1910—

James Joseph Kerley, B. S. and C. E., 1910, Ballston Spa, N. Y.

Brother Kerley won his numerals in basket-ball Freshman year, and was quite prominent in all branches of athletics his first and second years. Through his manly attitude toward life and his college, and his good cheer, he has won a place of high esteem among his varied friends.

This winter Dartmouth had something novel for her—a winter meet, in which any one was eligible to compete. This was held at the Country Club golf links. Many practiced for the event, and a good number of competitors entered. The snow-shoe races were extremely laughable. With the crack of the pistol the competitors in this race all started at a good pace, then one or two fell and one or two others over them. Brother Kerley was one of these, and, although falling three times, pulled a place after all. But the hero of the day was Brother Cobb. He won first in every ski event—ski jumping, ski cross-country, 100-yard ski dash, and 220-yard ski dash. For winning these events Brother Cobb will receive a handsome silver cup from the Outing Club, of which he is a member.

On February 18th the fraternities paired up for two-lap relay races. $\Sigma \Phi E$ ran against ΣX , who won the whole series. The "Sigs." who entered were Brothers Owen, Cobb, Ball, and Spear. On March 5th there was a fraternity medley race, and, in this Brothers Scott, Cobb, Ball, and Gumbart competed.

The object of these relay races was to arouse interest in track and get more men out. Hillman, our new trainer, was the instigator of this, and he has been markedly successful in arousing more interest in track than ever before.

At the Freshman-Sophomore debate, Monday, March 28th, Brother O'Connor, of the 1912 team, met Brother "Cap." Avery, of the 1913 team. "Doc." O'Connor's team won, although "Cap." put up a "good scrap."

We were glad to see Bro. Ralph Baker, of New Hampshire Alpha, who paid us a visit Thursday and Friday, March 24th and 25th.

In a track meet March 26th Brother Scott got third in the 'Varsity mile, after a mighty good race. Brother Ball won the Freshman mile easily.

Thayer School closes about the last of April, when Brothers Chamberlin and Eastman leave us, but Brother Kerley will probably remain with us until commencement. Brothers Eastman and Chamberlin will be back for the event.

Brother Qua was unanimously chosen to represent New Hampshire Alpha at the sixth Conclave, and left Hanover March 28th for Washington.

March 10th Dartmouth, Williams, and Brown held their annual triangular debate, and Dartmouth won both against Williams and against Brown. Each college supports an affirmative and a negative team.

We are now looking forward to our Junior "Prom." fraternity dance May 25th. We were very fortunate in securing the best location for the dance—the living room of College Hall.

It is with great joy that we congratulate Kansas Alpha. May she ever live and prosper!

The very best of success to all sister chapters in $\Sigma \Phi E$.

Fraternally,

A. E. Dorr,

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

District of Columbia Alpha.

George Washington University.

Meets every Saturday, at 8:30 P. M., at the Chapter House, 1515 O Street, N. W.
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How lonesome we have been and how dull the days have seemed since the Conclave, it would be hard to express. Although our dreams and expectations were exceedingly great as to the meaning of a charter from a national fraternity, we fell far short of their true realization until the Conclave. Now we know what it means to grasp the hand of a man whom we have not previously met, and call him brother. To say that we are highly pleased is stating our feelings too mildly. We are not capable of stating in words our joy and the benefits which we derived from the Conclave. Those three days will be "red letter" ones in the history of District of Columbia Alpha, and will be memorable ones in our individual lives.

The prospects for the University's sharing in the Morrill appropriation are very bright. As the reader is, no doubt, aware, the Morrill appropriation is a fund which is annually paid out by the Federal Government to institutions designated by the various States for the encouragement of education in the agricultural and mechanic arts. For some reason or other, in wording the Morrill Act, the District of Columbia was not included in its provisions, although all the States and Territories benefited. Therefore, about two years ago, a movement was inaugurated to have the District of Columbia share in this appropriation, and to have the George Washington University designated as the beneficiary of the fund. During the last Congress the bill to amend the Morrill Act, so as to make it apply to the District, and to designate the George Washington University as the beneficiary, passed the Senate, but so many measures of national importance required attention during the closing days of the Congress that the matter could not be taken up by the House before final adjournment. In this Congress this amendatory bill has been reported favorably by committees in both the Senate and the House, despite the most aggressive opposition from all sources throughout the United States, headed by the president of the largest State University in the country. If this measure passes, an income of about \$45,000 or \$50,000 a year for the next three years will be received by the University for agricultural and mechanical courses. This, we are assured by the University authorities, will mean the betterment and extension of these courses, and will also bring about an early determination of the question of a new site, which has been the ardent desire of every student for several years past. To have all departments together on one tract, away from the noise of the business section of the city, with a beautiful campus, has been pictured in our minds for so long that many of us despaired of the realization of such a plan; but now our hopes are being raised again, and we pray that not many more chapter letters will be read by you before mention is made of the selection of a new site for George Washington.

At the mid-winter convocation, on February 22d last, Bro. Silas Wesley Rogers received the degree of B. A. Brother Rogers had received the degree of LL. B. in 1906 from the University of Arkansas, and it is now his intention to begin the practice of law at no very distant date. While Brother Rogers has not been a member of the fraternity very long, he has been with us a sufficient time for us to learn his worth and the value of his friendship, and he will be greatly missed.

At the approaching commencement we will have two members in the graduating classes, Brother Baer in the College and Brother Gates in the Law. Brother Baer will continue in the Law School, so that Brother Gates is the only one that we will lose at this commencement. This loss, however, will not be a slight one, as he has been one of our most tireless workers, having been president of the chapter at the time our charter was granted, and, of course, the burden of the work at that time fell on his shoulders. Our best wishes for a great career go with him, and, if talk will accomplish anything, Brother Gates will be making a speech to us from the top rung of the ladder of success before the rest of us are fairly started.

If Brothers Rogers and Gates are to be our only losses in membership this year, District of Columbia Alpha will return to college next fall with a strong aggregation, and should have no trouble, if the members will do hard and faithful work, in filling its ranks with new men of the most desirable type.

During the past college year an honor society, known as "The Pyramid," was organized, and three of our number, Brothers Baer, Gates, and Seiler, are now the fortunate possessors of the insignia of that organization. We, naturally, are proud to have three of our members thus honored.

Brother Baer gained further glory for himself by winning the second prize in the Davis Prize Speaking Contest, which is held annually, and is participated in by Seniors in the Arts and Science Department. For four years our chapter has been represented among the recipients of these prizes, and in 1908 we had the pleasure of receiving all three of the awards.

Brother Curl, who has been serving as an associate editor on *The Hatchet* staff during the past year, was elected assistant editor by *The Hatchet* Board, which selection assures his succession to the position of editor-in-chief for next year.

Brother Bayly was a member of the 'Varsity relay team which defeated Maryland Agricultural College at the Fifth Regiment Meet in Baltimore on March 12th.

On February 21st the annual banquet of the Y. M. C. A. took place, and Brother Tucker was chairman of the Committee on Arrangements. This affair had the largest attendance and was the most successful in the history of the organization.

On February 22d it was our pleasure to be the hosts at another Five Hundred Party. The prizes were won by the Misses Hudson and Morrison and Brothers Bayly and Poole.

On March 17th, which was the fourth anniversary of the founding of Kappa Sigma Pi, our former local, we held a dance to commemorate that event. Every one enjoyed it to the fullest, and departed most reluctantly when the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" died away.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Professor H. A. Mumma, of the Law School, at dinner on March 12th. This is Professor Mumma's first year with us, and he has made such a pleasing impression upon the students that his company is in demand at all times, and we considered it good fortune to be his hosts at dinner.

On April 15th a "ball" was held at Rauscher's, under the auspices of *The Cherry Tree*, the college annual. Brother Seiler, as editor-in-chief of *The Cherry Tree*, was chairman of the committee in charge. Brother Baer, as a member of the staff, and Brother Poole, as a class president, were members of the committee. This "ball" was one of the finest social functions of the year, and was participated in by students from every department of the University.

On April 22d a testimonial banquet will be given in honor of Dean William R. Vance, of the Law School, who leaves George Washington after this session to become a professor of law at

Yale. This function will be attended by nearly all of the law students, and by many alumni and friends of Dean Vance in Washington. Brothers Baer, Curl, and Van Vleck are members of the committee in charge of the affair.

It is our pleasure to introduce to the fraternity, initiated April 16, 1910 :

Francis Adelbert Hornaday, College, '07, Medicine, '10, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Brother Hornaday was a charter member of Kappa Sigma Pi, the local, and, being unable to be initiated at our installation, we are exceedingly glad that he may now wear the "heart."

Our new officers, which were recently elected, are as follows :

William C. Van Vleck.

George Poole.

Edward R. Callister.

Frank O. Everett.

Edward P. Gates.

James M. Gunning.

We have added one more to this list, Bro. Azro L. Barber, whom we call the Alpha, and whose duty it is to make all collections for the Treasurer. In this way the burden of the financial affairs of the chapter is divided.

An inter-fraternity base-ball league was organized this spring, and games are now being played. So far we have played but one game, in which we were defeated by Alpha Beta Phi (local). Our playing was not remarkable, but we hope to report better results from later games.

As a parting word, let us remind you that our chapter house remains open all the year, and that if it is your good fortune to be in Washington during the summer we want you to call and see us. Let us renew our acquaintance that we made at the Conclave. If it was not our pleasure to meet you there, let it be our good fortune to meet you at No. 1515 O street, N. W., Washington, D. C., this summer.

With best wishes for a successful career to those brothers

whose active chapter days are now drawing to a close, and with the hope that their influence has left a deep and lasting impression upon those who remain to carry on the work of $\Sigma \Phi E$ and to select new members to perpetuate the fraternity, we ever remain,

Fraternally,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Joseph R. Curl,

Chapter Historian.

Kansas Alpha.

Baker University. Baldwin, Kan.

Meets every Thursday Night at Chapter House, 602 Ninth street. at 7:30 oclock.

In its first letter to THE JOURNAL Kansas Alpha sends its heartiest greetings, and bids welcome to all its new brothers in $\Sigma \Phi E$.

Phi Sigma Phi, our local, was founded in the school year of 1904-'5, with a membership of fourteen men. Ever since their establishment they have maintained a healthy organization, growing stronger each year. From the first they have provided a chapter house for their members. They have now a home, the location, furnishings, and conveniences of which are unexcelled by any other fraternity, national or local, in the University.

At our installation, on April 2d, we had with us our Grand Secretary, Brother Phillips; Bro. John Flynn, Colorado Alpha, and Bro. L. R. Plemmons, Arkansas Alpha. We hope that these and all other brothers will visit us as often as possible. Our installation was a decided success. The following is our chapter roll:

ALUMNI.

Earl Douglass, A. B., '06, Ingalls, Kan.

Vernon Thomas Nicholson, A. B., '06, Springhill, Kan.

Charles Clayton Dennie, B. S., '08, Lawrence, Kan.

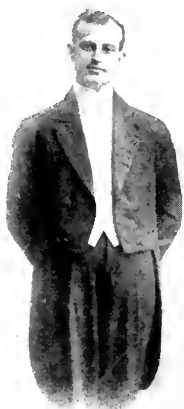
Clifford Charles Grover, A. B., '08, McAlester, Okla.

Hervey Foster Smith, A. B., '08, Hoyt, Kan.
Arthur Herman Fast, A. B., '09, Baldwin, Kan.
Christie Jacob Fischer, Commercial, '06, Baldwin, Kan.
Joseph Franklin Haigh, Arts, '09, Baldwin, Kan.
Morris Orestes Locke, Law, Emporia, Kan.
Frank Fulton Maple, Med., Perth, Kan.
Walter Bailey Wise, Arts, Colony, Kan.
Harry Ernest Snyder, Med., Dodge City, Kan.
Warren Baldwin Cochran, A. B., '09, Wichita, Kan.

ACTIVE.

Virdon Milne Liston, Arts, '11, Baldwin, Kan.
Orval Duane Allis, Arts, '10, Baldwin, Kan.
Lionel A. Anderson, Arts, '10, Leon, Kan.
Clive Paul Mueller, Arts, '10, Sedgwick, Kan.
Paul Henderson Lawless, Music, '10, Winchester, Kan.
Fred Allen Price, Arts, '10, Baldwin, Kan.
Frank Howard Allis, Arts, '11, Baldwin, Kan.
Vernette A. Mueller, Arts, '11, Sedgwick, Kan.
William Elvin Long, Arts, '11, Baldwin, Kan.
Carl West Spence, Arts, '11, Valley Falls, Kan.
Miner Raymond Pyles, Arts, '11, Baldwin, Kan.
Willard F. Tidyman, Arts, '11, Marion, Kan.
Ora Benton Douglass, Arts, '11, Ingalls, Kan.
Alvin Silas Wight, Arts, '11, Antelope, Kan.
Ralph Godfrey Maxson, Arts, '12, LaHarpe, Kan.
Ralph Randolph Allen, Arts, '12, Butler, Mo.
Clyde DeWitt Spangler, Arts, '12, Junction City, Kan.
Joshua Lavern Brindley, Music, '12, Clarksville, Tex.
Murl T. Capps, Arts, '13, Lebo, Kan.
Emil Smith Liston, Arts, '13, Baldwin, Kan.
Harry Steckel Wise, Arts, '13, Baldwin, Kan.
Paul Stafford, Arts, '13, Topeka, Kan.
Raymond Gordon Ransom, Arts, '13, Pittsburg, Kan.
George Harris Yoe, Arts, '13, Independence, Kan.

Kansas Alpha loses this year by graduation four of its mem-



PAUL H. LAWLESS, Kansas Alpha,
Instructor and Director of University Band, 1907-'10.
First Tenor Baker University Mixed Quartet, 1908-'10.
Tenor Soloist at Ottawa Chautauqua Assembly,
Ottawa, Kansas, July, 1909.

ΣΦΕ HOUSE, Baker University.

INTERIOR ΣΦΕ HOUSE, Baker University.

CHARTER MEMBERS AND INSTALLING
COMMITTEE, KANSAS ALPHA

CAMPUS VIEW, Baker University.

NEW "GYM.," Baker University.

bers, but when school opens next session there will be twenty proud "heart" wearers who will look after $\Sigma \Phi E$ interests.

Brother Lawless, who graduates this year from the Conservatory of Music, will leave on June 10th for a year's study of music in Europe. He has already composed for our chapter several excellent $\Sigma \Phi E$ songs. Brothers Lawless, Brindley, and Wise are members of the University Glee Club.

Kansas Alpha is well represented in debate this year. Brothers Allen, E. S. Liston, and Wise represented us on the annual Freshman-Sophomore debate, two of these being on the winning team. In the Athenian-Biblical annual inter-society debate we were represented by Brothers C. P. Mueller and Long. On this same debate we will be represented next year by Brothers Wight and V. A. Mueller.

Baker has held two inter-collegiate debates this year. Bro. F. H. Allis was a member of the team which met Cornell College on March 7th. It was a very close debate, with the decision 2 to 1 for Cornell.

On April 15th occurred our sixth annual inter-collegiate debate with Washburn College. The decision was 2 to 1 in favor of Baker. Thus, in the six debates, Baker has won four and lost two. Brothers L. A. Anderson and V. M. Liston were members of the winning team.

In athletics this year Kansas Alpha has been foremost among the fraternities here with reference to players on the various teams. In foot-ball Brothers Wight, Maxson, and Capps did meritorious work. Our team this year was undefeated. Brother Wight was a half-back, and has been elected captain for next year. In basket-ball Brothers Price, F. Allis, and E. S. Liston did great work. Brother Price was captain and Brother Allis manager of the team. In base-ball Brothers Wight and E. S. Liston, both pitchers, are making good.

Each year at Baker we have an inter-fraternity base-ball series, the following fraternities contesting: Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and two locals. A wall blanket is given the winning team as a prize, and Sigma Phi Epsilon has

a place at her chapter house where she can use it, and the prospects are bright for us.

One of the largest features of our school year is the annual spring musical festival, and this year it has been an excellent one. Six programmes in all were rendered by the solo artists, Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, and the Baker University Chorus.

An organization known as the Baker University Lecture Association, which is controlled by the students, each year arranges a lecture course. The presidency of this organization is considered among the highest honors a student may obtain, and for next year Brother Spence has been elected president.

On April 28th we initiated our first new man—

Scott C. Siegle, Arts, '11, Lost Springs, Kan.

And on May 3d—

Wayne Clifford Brown, Oswego, Kan.

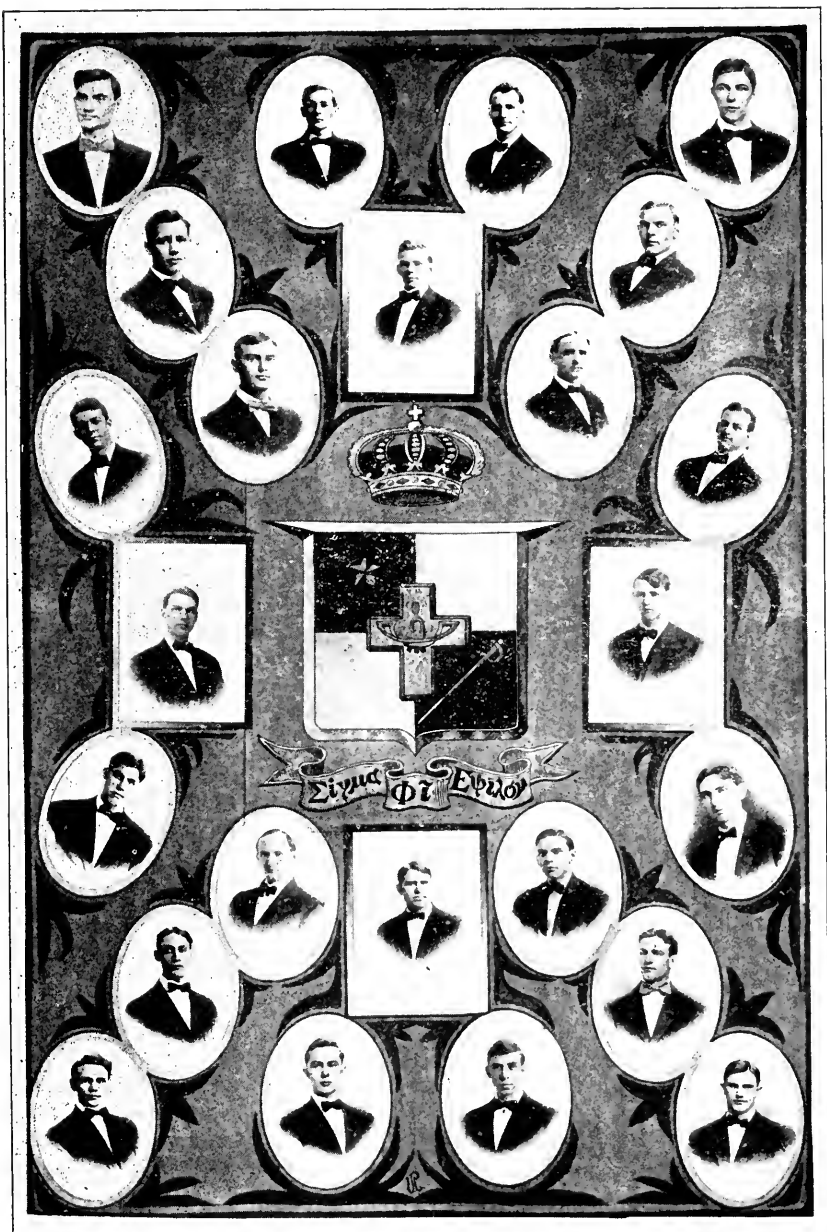
The closing social feature of the school year is always our annual "stag" banquet, which is held about June 1st. This year we plan this to be a greater event than ever before, and are endeavoring to get every alumnus back. We would be glad to have with us at that time any brothers from other chapters.

Wishing all brothers in $\Sigma \Phi E$ success and an enjoyable summer, we remain,

Fraternally,

Clive P. Mueller,
Chapter Historian.

KANSAS ALPHA.



CHARTER MEMBERS KANSAS ALPHA CHAPTER,
BAKER UNIVERSITY.



Editorials.

The Conclave.

The sixth Conclave was, without a doubt, the best Sigma Phi Epsilon has ever had. Every chapter but one was represented, and only one Grand Officer failed to answer to the roll-call. College regulations prevented Virginia Theta from sending a delegate, and sickness kept Brother S. K. Phillips from attending.

Real live interest on the part of all of the delegates was very noticeable in every question that came up for discussion. The Constitution and Laws adopted two years ago, having proven so efficient, very few changes were proposed. A re-arrangement of some sections seemed wise, and this change was readily adopted. Few changes were made. Some delegates came with the idea that every chapter should have a vote on the granting of charters, but the advocates of the committee system soon convinced them that that method was better, and it was retained, with the enlargement of the committee to five.

The social side was, for the first time, given its full share of attention, and, as the guests of the District of Columbia Alpha Chapter, the delegates were well provided with amusements.

The fraternity was fortunate in retaining for another two years most of its old officers, which assures the continuance of its present successful policy.

From every view-point the Conclave was a grand success, and will be one long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

Graduates.

The Grand Historian's report, made at the Conclave, is one of which Sigma Phi Epsilon may well be proud. His records show 519 alumni, of which 324 are graduates—62+ per cent. In this list are included three chapters showing thirty-five alumni, but no record of their graduates. When the records of these chapters are completed the percentage of graduation will, of course, be higher.

Out of twenty-six chapters seventeen show a graduation of over fifty per cent.

There are some who argue that the percentage of fraternity men that graduate is smaller than the percentage of non-fraternity men. Our understanding is that about thirty-nine to forty per cent. of those who enter college graduate. The above record shows Sigma Phi Epsilon far above the average. It is hoped that our chapters will continue to give scholarship careful attention, and keep up this enviable record.

Western Extension.

We have just returned from a visit to our Western chapters and the investigation of some of the institutions from which we have applications. The conditions in the West are most gratifying. Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters there are made up of a sturdy manhood, with an avowed purpose, striving hard to reach their goal. In these chapters our percentage of graduation is high, and the social and moral standing is the best. These conditions readily enlist us in the cause of Western extension. At a number of institutions, where locals have corresponded with us, we found ideal conditions for new chapters, but we cannot refrain from calling attention to one institution that looks well on paper—viz., University of Oklahoma. When the application was received from there we congratulated ourselves.

There, we thought, was an opportunity to get in a growing institution before it was crowded with fraternities. The name Oklahoma seemed to imply progress. Our visit there was a shock. The campus covers about fifty acres. This institution, with six hundred students, and half of them women, is all housed in two medium-sized buildings. A new administration building has been started, but work has been suspended, presumably on account of lack of funds, yet we are informed that this State is one of the richest, and has one of the best educational systems in the country.

After some questioning we came to the conclusion that politics were of more importance to the people of Oklahoma than the development of the University.

Upon our return we found in a copy of the fourth annual report of the Carnegie Foundation our opinion of Oklahoma verified. It is, of course, very gratifying to find that others agree with you, and in this case we flatter ourselves, as we understand that the Foundation has made a *thorough* investigation.

We trust that all Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers that have been anxious for a chapter at Oklahoma will appreciate our position, and see the wisdom of holding out for a few years longer.

WE regret to announce the retirement from active service of Brother C. A. Ver Beck. His advice and assistance have been of great help, and his presence with us will be greatly missed, both as a Grand Officer of the fraternity and as a member of THE JOURNAL staff.

We hope that his business will in the near future enable him to again take up active fraternity work.

On the Campus.

ON Saturday, April 16, 1910, the annual "Mechanics Burning" occurred at Purdue University. This is a local custom which has been practiced for many years by the Seniors studying engineering. As the close of the year approaches, and the Seniors complete the study of Mechanics, there is great rejoicing in their ranks, since the subject is very difficult. A few days after the completion of the study the Seniors have a public funeral, where, dressed in grotesque costumes, they assemble to cremate the remains of Mechanics, *alias* "McAnnix," who has caused them so much trouble during their college career. The services are attended with many eulogies, and unpopular professors receive much advice and comment from the orators. The custom has been increasing in popularity each year, until now elaborate preparations are made for the occasion, and many alumni and visitors are present for the event.

FOR the convenience of students who might not otherwise care to open a more or less temporary bank account, or to whom banking privileges might not otherwise be available, the University of Chicago maintains a department of student deposit accounts, which is conducted by the Registrar. At the close of the year 1908-'9 839 students held deposits in this "bank," the total amount aggregating \$66,854.65. On the corresponding date of the preceding year there were 778 student depositors, with the sum of \$57,154.98 to their credit. Students and members of the faculty likewise avail themselves of the opportunity offered in this connection for the collection, as well as the issuance, of money orders; and the steady increase from year to year in the number of those taking advantage of these facilities is the best evidence of the great convenience it represents.—*University of Chicago News Letter*.

PRACTICAL demonstrations of the working of a wireless telephone have recently attracted much attention in Chicago. Before a large assembly an exhibition of the apparatus and its possi-

bilities was given a few days ago at Ryerson Physical Laboratory, at the University of Chicago. Members of the audience, holding unattached receivers on the second floor, were able to converse with the operator in the basement, the ceiling of which is of concrete, over twelve inches thick. The inventor, A. Frederick Collins, is a graduate of the University, and is reported to have operated his telephone between Philadelphia and Newark, N. J., a distance of eighty-one miles. The device is also said to have been adopted and installed on several vessels in the Japanese navy.—*University of Chicago News Letter*.

INTERESTING light on the comparative scholarship standing of men and women college students is furnished by the annual report of the President of the University of Chicago, just issued. In the proportion of students receiving conditions during the year the men vary from 20 to 10 per cent., while from 10 to 4 per cent. of the women were conditioned. From 10 to 17 per cent. of the men failed, according to the report, while the number of women who failed was only from 2 to 8 per cent.

ONE of the improvements being made on Lehigh's campus is a new "testing laboratory." In this laboratory full-sized steel construction members can be tested. Concrete and hydraulic laboratories will also be put in the same building.

SYRACUSE has just established a six year combination course in the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Medicine, leading to the degrees of B. S. and M. D. Syracuse has also established a Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

PRESIDENT NEEDHAM, of George Washington University, has handed in his resignation. The general opinion is that much of the opposition the University has had to contend with will now be withdrawn.

THE new Government Weather Bureau at Norwich is now completed.

Alumni Personals.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

O. L. Bowen, '09, is practicing law in El Paso, Texas.

H. H. George III., '08, is in his Junior year at Cornell University.

B. W. Bowles, '09, is practicing law with J. Alston Cabell, Richmond, Va.

Brother Garland, who left school in December, is carrying on a very successful insurance business with the Union Central Life. He is located in Richmond, Va.

S. K. Phillips, '07, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church, of Berryville, Va. Brother Phillips will be married June 1st to Miss Ella Virginia Holmes, of Richmond.

E. W. Hudgins, Law, '08, has been practicing in Chase City, Va. He won his case on the evening of March 16th, which united him in marriage to Miss Lucy Morton, of Keysville, Va. They will be at home, No. 2013 Stuart avenue, Richmond, Va., after June 1st, when Brother Hudgins will move his office to Richmond with W. S. McNeal.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

"Colonel" Tracy visited the chapter some time ago. He is located at Clarksburg, W. Va.

Brother Folk was down from Kingwood, W. Va., where he has been engaged as principal of the Kingwood High School during the past term.

Brother Bennett, happily married, and holding a good position with the Philadelphia Gas Company, makes his headquarters at Clarksburg, W. Va.

Tom West recently came up from Middleburn, W. Va., where he teaches in the State Normal, and made us a short visit. He reports Brother Gorby in good condition.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Dr. Hoffman is a frequent visitor at the chapter house.

Dr. Bruce Harrison, of the Lakeside Hospital, visited us recently.

Dr. A. A. Foote, '09, of Clay Centre, Kansas, was recently married to Miss Campbell, of Manhattan, Kansas.

OHIO ALPHA.

L. H. Wismar, '10, has a position as deputy county surveyor, Custer, Ohio.

W. C. Salidan, '10, is with L. C. Scott, contractor, Justus, Ohio.

C. C. Shelby is on the surveying corps of the P. & L. E. Railroad, at McKeesport, Pa.

Lieut. L. B. Dickerson and Lieut. R. H. Gramm, Philippine Constabulary, write interesting letters from the Philippines. Both are enjoying good health, and are well satisfied with life in our island possession.

VIRGINIA ETA.

George C. Taylor was married to Miss Nellie Young Blanton, at Blackstone, Va., on April 27th. Brother Taylor will locate in Washington, D. C.

OHIO GAMMA.

LeRoy Blake Foster is now with the Christian Drug Company, at Sidney, Ohio.

J. H. Snook, '08, won the Ohio-Indiana Indoor Rifle Championship at the recent meet held in Columbus, Ohio.

Charles S. Fisher, '07, has given up his position at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and is now in Detroit with the American Blower Company.

Harry P. Pruner, '08, now traveling for the A. C. McClurg Company, was initiated into the United Commercial Travelers of America on March 12th.

Jerome M. Cook and Miss Ethel M. Siebert were married on April 6th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Siebert. The happy couple will be at home to their friends, after May 1st, at No. 933 Lexington avenue. Brother Cook is now with the Case Crane Company, at Columbus, Ohio.

VERMONT ALPHA.

M. S. Wilder, '08, Philippine Constabulary, has been promoted to Second Lieutenant.

W. L. Clark, '09, recently received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps.

G. I. Rowe, '09, has been assigned as Second Lieutenant to the Thirteenth Infantry, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.





GEORGE WELLS VAUGHAN,
South Carolina Alpha.

In Memoriam.

George Wells Vaughan.

Born near Timmons ville, Florence county, South Carolina, April 7, 1883, died February 10, 1910, indicates the short life of our brother, George Wells Vaughan. To those who knew him best, as well as to all, his was the soul of honor and manly manhood. Educated at Kershaw Graded School and at Welsh Neck High School, he completed three years' attendance at Wofford College, South Carolina; and in 1905, after having served as literary editor of *The Carolinian* and president of the Euphradian Literary Society, was graduated *cum laude* from the Law Department of the University of South Carolina as president of his class, and thereupon was immediately admitted to the practice of his profession before the Supreme Court of his native State.

In real life he showed that popularity and ability he had exhibited while in college, and within a year from his admission to the bar he was elected and took his seat as a member of the House in the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, being the youngest member of that body. Failing health, however, caused him to go West, in a vain endeavor to regain his usual vigor, only to return some months later to his home to die. None of the honors that could have come to him in college, or as a young man just laying the foundation of a large law practice, escaped him, and none of those courtesies innate within the true gentleman to the manor born were ever denied any one by our brother, now in the Great Beyond.

We mourn for our departed one, and gladly would welcome his chivalrous personality in our midst again. Our sorrow goes out to his loved ones in the loss they have sustained; their anguish is our anguish, their bereavement is ours.



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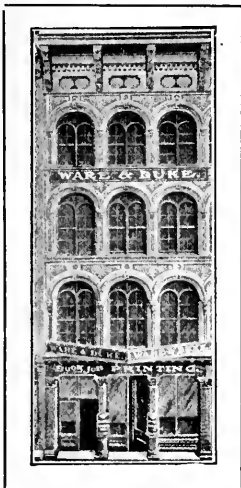
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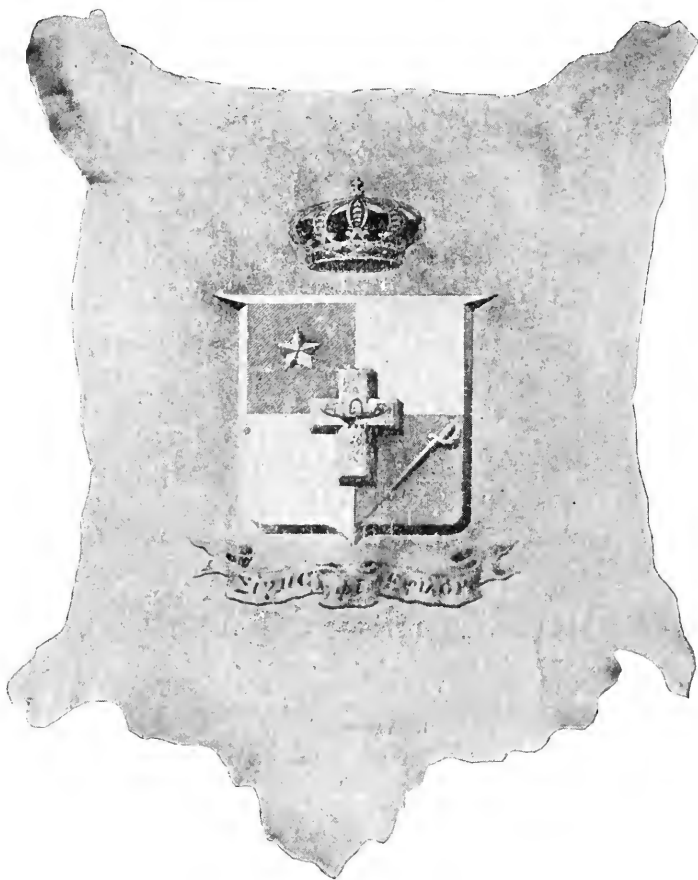
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